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Who is John Rhys Watkins - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/10/8 18:21

This question was asked earlier and it may be helpful in leading us closer to revival. There are similarities, patterns, that are evident that should encourage those who will seek the Lord at Loughor this November

John Rhys Watkins is preacher based in Wales. He lives in Mountain Ash. This is where Evan Roberts lived, working as a coal miner, prior to his return to Loughor and the history that followed.

Pastor Watkins' Great grandfather worked in the same colliery as Evan Roberts and may well have known him. After the outpouring on the "School Room" of Moriah Chapel, Evan Roberts instinctively returned to preach to the miners that he had worked with from Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Merthyr Tydfil. Many of these miners were saved because Evan Roberts never forgot those worked in the belly of the earth, hewing out tons of Welsh Anthracite in order that the nations would have a fire.

The story of The Welsh Revival cannot be understood unless the preceding history is known; how Evan Roberts loved the hard men that worked the black pits of Mountain Ash.

Before the Revival there was anticipation regarding the outpouring. The eyes were on a well known figure, Seth Joshua who also had reason to preach at Mountain Ash, though he would travel from Cardiff. Seth Joshua prayed that God would use a vessel that would come from the coal mining valleys, a man unknown, a man with no reputation. The Lord was gracious and heard the prayers of this well known preacher. The God of all wisdom moved upon the unknown and turned the nation, and many parts of the world upside down, setting on fire that Heavenly Anthracite. Even William Booth proclaimed it was the "Fire of God"

So in evaluating this history, God sends the well known to make a way for the unknown, in order to bring revival!

Now my point is this, today God may very well have sent the "unknown" to prepare the way for the "well known" in order to bring revival. This is good news!

Who is John Rhys Watkins? an Unknown!!

In 2001, a few weeks after 9/11, Pastor Watkins sent his wife to New York to visit Times Square Church. At the end of one service she briefly spoke to Carter Conlon, concerning the condition of the Church in Wales. She returned to Wales with word of encouragement for her husband and for Wales. From that time on Pastor Watkins would preach every year on the anniversary of the Welsh revival, at Moriah Chapel until the 2004.

At all of the Welsh Revival Conferences that Pastor Watkins preached in Loughor there was always an open prayer meeting held in the "School Room" between his messages. The emphasis was on a coming revival.

There is one story of a visitor that stood up during prayer and proclaimed that God had sent him to do one single act. The stranger took out a flask or bottle, containing water that he had taken from several rivers from different nations, and poured it out over the school room floor. The water gathered up the dust from the floor and left a trail of refreshment to a parched ground. The man then prophesied that God would again flood the land of Wales.

Visitors that attended these conferences would complain that at the end of each message, Pastor Watkins would disappear in order that people reflect upon the message and not the messenger. Who is he? An Unknown

In November, gathering together at Loughor, are men that are well known, men that God has chosen for this very hour.

I am convinced that a way has been prepared and a harvest will be reaped for Christ at Loughor in November.

There are many other patterns that can be gleaned from the Welsh Revival Conferences that convince me this is the day of God's visitation.

Thanks to those of you that have sent me tapes and emails regarding this ministry. I hope this will encourage us to conti

nue to pray the will of God.

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O Duw Plugyr Y Eglwys (O God Bend The Church)

Re: Who is John Rhys Watkins - posted by Heydave (), on: 2009/10/9 16:41

Thank you this information on John Rhys Watkins and your impression on the significance of what is taking place at the coming SI conference at Loughor.

In the light of what you have shared, I wonder if John R Watkins will attend or have any involvement in the conference (Greg?). It does not seem from the agenda that he is speaking.

Also I see that Carter Conlon is not now at Loughor. I only mention as you said he had spoken encouragement to JRW about Wales.

I look forward to seeing what God will do at this time.

Re: linking to site and to Robers recording - posted by JoanM, on: 2009/10/9 17:17

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I had difficulty with the Instillation called "Evolution Set-up" required to link the the site that was given. **Is there a way to get a direct link up to Pastor Watkins site? A way to get the Roberts' recording loaded here on SI. We have that 15" recording.**

Re: The significance of the SI Conference at Loughor - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/10/9 19:22

Heydave wrote: Thank you this information on John Rhys Watkins and your impression on the significance of what is taking place at the coming SI conference at Loughor.

Before the outpouring, Seth Joshua shared a carriage with Evan Roberts on their way to Blaenanarch, where Florry Evans would proclaim that she "loved Jesus Christ with all her heart".

Not knowing who the young man was, the eminent Mr Joshua shared what God had laid on his heart. He felt that God would take an unknown and pour through him the undying life of revival.

That momentous days in September 1904 would see Evan Roberts, set ablaze after hearing this famous preacher pray, "O Duw Plugyr Yr Eglwys".

Seth would say of these meetings that God had prepared a people to carry forth his word. His message at Blaenarch was simple, "Shout and be glad O daughter of Zion, For I am coming, and will live among you" Zech: 2:10.

Could it be, that the way has been made, for perhaps Carter Conlon to be the new vessel chosen to be filled and then poured out again?

How great is God? How loving is His mercy? How much does He will to live again amongst His people in Wales?

Shout and be Glad O daughter of Zion! For I am coming!

Re: Did you not learn Christ - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/10/14 14:17

There is quote from the anniversary message preached at Loughor which has turned many a minister to dismiss such preaching as "not for them". My own pastor claims that ministers should not be preached to; as they are called to minister. There is an insincere belief that revival will come despite a challenge to the church, Here is the quote that caused offence at Loughor:

"You will not stand before your elder when you depart this world! You will not stand before your pastors when you depart this world!

You will stand before the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, you will stand before Jesus Christ, you will stand before God Almighty God! And He is not going to ask you for your doctrinal statements or your carefully worded creeds. He'll simply ask you: DID YOU NOT LEARN CHRIST? "

Here is the question. What does it mean to learn Christ!"

Re: Bethel Pulpit Ministries - posted by kathleen1 (), on: 2009/11/13 21:38

Hey, I was contacted by Pastor Watkins when I first came to SI in 2004. Corresponded with him some via email, and had a link to his website on my website. I have downloaded every mp3 sermon he had posted. They are very good. He is also a friend of BH Clendennen. As a matter of fact, he was the 1st person I heard mention bro. Clendennen, who at the time I had never heard of. But Pastor Watkins' website has disappeared from the internet. I have emailed him and his email is no longer valid. Anybody know why? I even emailed Pastor Clendennen and asked if he knew anything, but this was about the time Pastor C got sick, so I haven't heard back on this. I would greatly appreciate any information on Pastor Watkins.

Re: - posted by kathleen1 (), on: 2009/11/13 21:40

Quote:

-----My own pastor claims that ministers should not be preached to; as they are called to minister.

Sounds like pride to me. The same attitude is in my home church, though a little more subtle-and it's discouraging. God help us if we ever think we've arrived at the place where we no longer need to be taught.

Re: - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/11/16 16:13

Hi Kathleen,

I'm not sure where Pastor Watkins website is. Above is the email address that I have used to get some free sermons. I love the preaching style and wonderful way in which he brings out the great truth of scripture. The last message I had was Angels of Light.

The Pilgrim