

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God*

IN CHRIST JESUS.

(Philippians 3.13-14 NASB)

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During 2007, the Lord spoke much to my heart that I am still trying to digest and understand in light of the day in which we live. In particular, during the period between June and September, it seems that the Lord spoke very clearly to me about how the times have changed and we are nearing the end of this present wicked eon. For many, the time is running out to be ready to meet the Bridegroom. According to Scripture, a day will come when the midnight shout will go forth.

“But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’”
(Matthew 25.6 NASB)

Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples as a warning that they, as well as all His people, must be watching and be ready for when the shout goes forth that He has arrived. Unfortunately, as depicted by the five foolish virgins, some will not have heeded this warning and will not be ready. When the midnight shout goes forth, it will be a declaration that the time is almost up. The foolish virgins will have time to go and buy oil for their lamps, but when they return, it will be too late, for the door will be shut. I believe this is a picture of the ones who will be counted worthy to enter the kingdom of Christ to rule with Him (wise virgins) and the ones who will not be counted worthy to enter (foolish virgins). The wise virgins are the ones that not only believe on the Lord but also conquer through His life, His love, and I must add, His discipline. They are the ones who endure to the end and who heed the Lord’s exhortation to repent as given to the messengers of the seven ecclesias in Revelation 2-3. True repentance is the way into the kingdom; to sit upon His throne as He has sat upon His Father’s throne.

The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3.21 ESV)

The ones who conquer will be the ones who will reign with Christ as He heads up all things in the heavens and on the earth and, especially, as He brings *the reign of the heavens* to the nations of the earth. We must conquer if we are to be found worthy! How do we conquer? We do it through His love. **We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loves us** (Romans 8.37 CV). If we love Him we will obey him, and we will heed His command to love one another and to forgive others, even our enemies. Thus, conquering is about love, obedience, forgiveness and, let us not forget, endurance, for **the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved** (Matthew 24.13 NASB). Of course, there are many other characteristics of a conqueror, such as ones who are **peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God** or ones who are **pure in heart, for they shall see God** (Matthew 5.8, 9).

Some might read things like this and wonder if they will ever be a conqueror. You might look at your life and wonder what you have done for the Lord. You hear of people seemingly doing great things for the Lord. Let me assure you that it is not about the big things; it is all about your relationship with the Lord. Do you love Him? Do you obey Him? Do you cling to Him? Do you love others and do for them as you would do for yourself? We need to be reminded that the Lord will reward those who have been faithful with a few things. It is not about the big things or even the many things; it is about the few things that He entrusts to you, even if it is to give a cold cup of water to a stranger or a friend, or to care for a sick loved one, parent, or, even, a stranger.

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’”
(Matthew 25.23 NASB)

Some of you might be growing weary waiting for the Lord. Perhaps you are in a hidden place right now, and it seems that the Lord has forgotten you. Be encouraged He has not, for He never leaves His own. Keep watching and waiting. Some might even be saying, we have heard this before, that is, that the Lord is coming soon. What if you are wrong? We can never be wrong if we are watching and longing for Him, even if we die before He comes. However, if what I have been hearing is of the Lord, I must not hold it back out of fear that I might be wrong. For me, it is disobedience if I don't share it, so I must and leave the discernment of what I share to the spirit of God within all who read my material.

What I know is this; great change is coming. In fact, the times have already changed and heaven is moving to bring about the greatest change this world has ever seen. The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ is coming. Hallelujah! Some of the change will be like birth pains as the kingdom of this world is shaken, and, as I have written much about, Mystery Babylon is judged and brought into its final judgment. It is time not to fear what is coming but to fear the Lord and to be watchful as a ready bride longing for her bridegroom to sweep her off her feet.

Now, I have shared on the dream that I had on January 1, 2007 about people buying and selling running shoes, specifically, Nikes, which means "to conquer." With the dream, I heard: **"It is finished! The race is over."** Later in the year, I had a very peaceful dream that the times had changed. I have even heard that the end has come. All these things do not mean that the end is here now but, rather, that the Lord is in the process of closing out our present eon.

I have also received three other words: The first word was **Sarah died** (7/20/07); the second word was simply, **Methuselah** (9/26/07), and, nearly 11 months later, I was jolted awake with the word: **Methuselah is dead** (8/13/08), at precisely 11.11 pm. Numbers have meaning, and the number 11 refers to "disorder, disintegration," and 11.11 is a double witness. What does this all mean?

Something significant happened after Sarah, Abraham's wife, died; Abraham sent his servant to seek a bride for his son of promise, Isaac (see Genesis 23-24). In other words, once Sarah died, Isaac received his bride, Rebekah. Abraham is a type of God the Father, and Isaac is a type of the Son of God, for he was born by a move of God when Sarah was beyond her child-bearing days. His birth was miraculous, just as the birth of Jesus was miraculous. Sarah is a type of the wife of Jehovah, which under the old covenant speaks of ancient Israel. I believe that in our present day Sarah's death refers to the final judgment on the current state of Israel. Perhaps, and I emphasize perhaps, the word I was given indicates that Israel and Jerusalem, which, by the way, is called Sodom and Egypt (Revelation 11.8), as we know them, are going to fall in order to release the wife of the Lamb under the new covenant, the true spiritual Israel. If this is true, then we need to keep our eyes upon the events in the Middle East in the near term (perhaps, the next two years), especially during the month of September.

Finally, the word *Methuselah* has great significance, for this name means "man of death" or "man of dart." The first time I received this word, I received seven words, but it is significant that this word was the sixth in the series. Six is the number of man and after six days comes the seventh day, which speaks of the day of the Lord. When Methuselah died the whole world changed. He was the longest living man in human history, and when he died judgment came upon the world through the flood. The flood introduced a new day to this earth. Likewise, I believe *Methuselah is dead* indicates that the end is very near. Great change is coming to this earth.

The seventh day is coming! I do not know how this will unfold, but I do know that it will be both good and bad. It will be judgment on the world system that has held mankind in bondage. But this is good, for the shaking that must come and, by the way, has come is good news; it means that the kingdom of our Lord is very near and the conquerors, the sons of glory, are about to be revealed as a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth for 1,000 years with Christ (Revelation 5.10; 20.6).

My encouragement to you is to hold on a bit longer. Do not grow weary. Be a conqueror!