

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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More Thoughts for Today

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On watchfulness from May-June.

I have stated in previous issues that we needed to be watchful during May-June and then from June-September, with special emphasis on September. Well, we will have to wait and see what transpires the rest of the summer through the end of September. I continue to say: **Watch September!** If I have misinterpreted some of what I believe the Lord has shown me, then, Lord willing, I might go silent for awhile. Like Habakkuk, **I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved** (Habakkuk 2:1 NASB).

In reality, a lot of things have already happened this summer that seem to be building to a crescendo like a huge wave of the sea. The question is: How high must the wave rise until it crashes on the boulders?

I told someone recently that we need to watch September, and he responded that he was still watching for May-June, meaning that nothing seemed to transpire as I said it would during this period. Got me thinking! In my own experience, I have learned that, many times, there seems to be a delay factor built into the Lord's word, dreams, and visions. What is bound or loosed in heaven is often manifested on earth later. As I have been reminded on many occasions, we need to **transcend time**.

Frankly, I thought we would see the cords of falsehood cut, as I have reported on numerous times. Instead, I believe we have seen just the opposite. It is as if the cords of falsehood have been tightened around the neck of every American, and we are being dragged around by every law, regulation, opinion, intention, ideology, special interest, and lie under the sun.

This reminds me of the sons of Israel in the days of their bondage under Pharaoh of Egypt.

(23) Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God. (24) So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Exodus 2:23-24 NASB)

The noose, so to speak, was tightened around their necks so that life became miserable for them, which led them to cry out to God for deliverance from their bondage. The Lord's command went forth to Pharaoh: **"Let My people go, that they may serve Me."** Are we being brought to the same point of desperation? Are we at that point? We need to remember that there is a similar command in reference to Mystery Babylon and the end of our wicked age.

(4) I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; (5) for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. (Revelation 18:4-5 NASB)

In a similar manner, I believe our noose is being tightened as well. But the good news is that our Deliverer is getting ready to cut the cords. They have been cut in heaven, and He is about to come to deliver the nations into His kingdom. The noose has been tightened to drive God's people, that is, US, to cry out for deliverance. Let us turn to the Lord!

Jeremiah's advice to his fellow Judahites was: **Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord** (Jeremiah 17:7 NASB). Let us know Jesus as our very Trust!

Progressives vs. Regressives.

Just consider how much governmental control has been legislated this year alone. Do you realize that the president signed health care reform into law on March 23, 2010, and then 120 days later, he signed financial reform into law on July 21, 2010? In between these massive takeovers, we saw the red oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico, along with all the political and environmental spin about the dire consequences, and the uproar over Arizona's illegal alien law with the Feds arrogantly suing the state.

But something else occurred during this time, especially during the week of the 210-year anniversary of John Adams moving his presidential office from Philadelphia to the new capital of Washington DC on June 11, 1800. By the way, this move progressed from May to November 1800.

From June 6-9, 2010, a conference was held in DC by the progressives who seek to "fundamentally transform" America into what could be called a "collective state." One speaker stated: "Something has changed this week. This is a turning point for the progressive movement."

This was also the same week that the president made his comment about "kicking a#!" as his constituents were encouraging him to become more aggressive, as in tough. Also, we have seen more and more arrogance coming from our politicians who don't seem to care about the people.

Here is my take; it seems as if two warring parties threw down the gauntlet during this time. There are two major camps warring against each other that are in a battle to the death, so to speak. This is not about compromise but about change and control and power and money, with a little righteousness thrown in from some good, well-intending people.

On one side are the **progressives**, and on the other side are, what I call, the **regressives**. So far, it appears that the progressives are winning; however, the regressives think they will win in November with mid-term elections. However, the good news is that neither side wins—**the Lord wins!**

My greater concern is for the many Christians who are part of the regressives who seek to re-found or reestablish America on the foundation of our forefathers. To be sure, many of our forefathers were men of honor and faith, whom God gave great wisdom to form our republic and write the US Constitution. However, they were mere mortals like us and, after 400 years of history, we are living proof that sin reigns in mortal bodies. What makes any of us think that we can start over and get it right or make it better than our founding fathers did while we occupy these bodies of death? Need I remind you: **For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all** (Romans 11:32). The failure of man and his kingdoms is written into God's plan; it is the essential nature of His plan in relation to all that man does according to his flesh. Good news: **God does not fail in man's failures!**

I find it interesting that the terms *progressive* and *transformation* are more aligned with what God is doing than the term *regressive*. Unfortunately, those using the progressive label seem antichrist in their worldview.

God is progressing along one line that will bring His kingdom to this earth until the nations willingly bow the knee to His Son Jesus and declare that He is the King of the nations. God's plan will progress until it reaches the consummation of the eons so that God may be all in all new. The good news is that His plan will kick into high gear, so to speak, with the first resurrection and transfiguration (transformation) of a mortal people into immortal sons of God who will reign with Christ over the nations, teaching them righteousness as the glory of the Lord fills the earth. Justice and righteousness will increase. The Kingdom of God is not about going back; it is about going forward.

There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:7 NASB)

This is progress we can believe in and expect to come. **The King is coming!**