

## UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but this is my one aim: to forget everything that's behind, and to strain every nerve to go after what lies ahead. I press on toward the finish line, where the prize waiting for me is the upward call of God*

**IN KING JESUS.**

(Philippians 3:13-14)

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### ***Hope in Tumultuous Times***

***When you see the structures crumble, testify of My Kingdom.***

An observation I have made over the years is—it seems that God raises up certain ones with a specific calling or message written in their hearts that they are responsible for communicating, and they do this faithfully for many years, even their entire life. I believe that this opening line given to me by the Lord over 20 years ago is one such calling. Elsewhere, I have touched upon the structures crumbling as a sign of the coming of the kingdom of our Lord. In this issue, I want to expand a bit on this subject.

First, it is hardly necessary to identify all the structures that are crumbling. Anyone with any level of discernment can see or sense what is happening. It is a waste of time to bemoan the fall of these structures or to attempt to hold on to them or to fix them. Why hold on to things that can be and will be shaken and ultimately crushed to dust and blown away like chaff from the threshing floor (Daniel 2:35; Hebrews 12:27)? Why try to infiltrate such things in order to make them better? Come out of them and let them go! We need to seek and long for that which cannot be shaken and that which will remain and still be standing when the dust settles.

Second, on the American political front, the noisy presidential race for the White House has begun. It is worth noting that not a single candidate is declaring that it is time for a new way. They all are quick to point out what they think is not working, as far as they are concerned, but no one is proposing a major shedding of all the failed institutional structures that are crumbling. Placing one's hope in a broken and judged political system will only lead to major disappointment, if not regret. It is time to seek first His kingdom and continually pray: ***Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*** It is time to turn from man's will. We desperately need the will of God on earth, for the foundation of His kingdom is righteousness and justice.

Third, some of the things that seem to be crumbling at the hand of fallen man will rise up in glory in the day of Christ. One such thing is the institution of a man and a woman cleaving together.

And God created the man in His own image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female. And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the seas, and over birds of the heavens, and over all beasts creeping on the earth. ... Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they shall become one flesh. (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:24 LITV)

It seems that God's idea of marriage or union is under assault every day, as some attempt to destroy that which is ordained by our Creator. The trend may get worse in the days ahead, but be assured, God's union of a man and a woman is one of those things that cannot be shaken and that will remain.

By the way; man's attempt to redefine marriage, based on the LGBTQ movement, can never fulfill the blessing (or, command, mandate) given by God to Adam? No male-male or female-female relationship can ever fulfill the command to be fruitful and multiply. Yes, in some measure, they can create a loving and caring family through adoption or other artificial or surrogate means but not through a procreative union. It simply cannot happen because God did not create us this way. A man and a woman are required in union (cleaving) in order to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. This is the Creator's law!

Fourth, when the dust settles, *one new man* will be standing in the midst of all the rubble, a glorified man with outstretched arms saying, *Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest* (Matthew 11:28). However, in that day, it will not be just a single man standing but a corporate man, the body of Christ, both head and body, calling unto the nations to bring them righteousness, justice, peace, joy, impartially, and most of all, love. This body will be immortal and in glory in the very image of God's Son.

Fifth, what lies ahead for America and the world and when will it occur? It is quite interesting to read what people are saying, both secularly and spiritually (prophetically). Those who have had some measure of success in predicting events are lining up with their predictions so that, if they happen, they will head to the front of the class as the best prognosticator or perhaps the best or most accurate prophet. Undoubtedly, some see this as an opportunity for their next best-selling book or a way to expand their ministry. What is coming on the face of the earth will change all this, as people look for hope, not fearful predictions.

Over the years, I have seen and heard many things in visions of the night and dreams but have chosen not to publish most of them. The specific events and details are of interest only as signs of where we are on God's clock. Let us not become too focused on the details but keep our eyes on the hope set before us, and *press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 3:14). The upward call refers to rising up out of mortality in the *out-resurrection and transfiguration* at the end of this age, to be a *son of the resurrection*, an immortal son of God in glory. In certain schools of Christian thought, there are those who are talking and acting as if they have arrived or as if they are so close they are about to change apart from the resurrection for which Paul sought (Philippians 3:11). Among these ones, it is not unusual to hear them state that they have new revelation (secrets) never before known that goes beyond scripture, although they state it lines up with scripture. This is a deception to be avoided. Immortality will bring us revelation beyond anything we can comprehend today while we occupy bodies of death and humility. On our part, we must *eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself* (Philippians 3:20-21).

Sixth, there is, however, a growing consensus among many people, both secular and Christian, that something big is on the horizon and most likely will begin to manifest either gradually or with a big bang that sets the stage for tumultuous times to come. I have shared many times on the word I have heard about tumult is coming. It does seem that more, not less, of the commentators are leaning toward a big bang event that will come sooner than later. Some line this up with the last of the blood moon tetrads and the Hebrew fall feasts. The most curious thing in all this is that many sense something is coming, but no one seems to know exactly what. Is it war? I have seen two wars and twelve conflicts across the Middle East. Is it earthquakes? I have seen a grand 8.9-9.0 one split America apart at the Mississippi. Is it tyranny? I have seen the Statue of Liberty inundated with a gigantic white frothy wave. Is it judgment? I have seen a gigantic wave of fire move down a valley mowing over everything in its sight. Is it a tsunami? I have observed from a high mountain a huge tsunami strike land. Is it the collapse of the global financial system? I have seen the Titanic sinking, the month of May, and the year 1917. Are all these things natural or spiritual events or both? Is the Lord coming very soon? Yes, I have no doubt. I was given a vivid dream about the Lord's return, and it was related to September 8<sup>th</sup> falling on a Wednesday. Will this day be a key or a sign to His arrival or perhaps....? By the way, I find there are very few Christians who are willing to embrace the hope that Jesus is coming in our lifetime, as if they are anesthetized by *no one knows the day and the hour*. I don't see where God said He would never reveal it, especially after 2,000 years. Am I a fool for believing such a thing? It doesn't matter what others might think; someone must have vision and an expectation in order to encourage the many that will lose hope in the days to come.

Finally, with the advent of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, I began seeing a 21-year cycle divided into three 7-year cycles. The last cycle commenced during September 2014 and will bring us to 2021-2022. I believe that by the end of this cycle the world will be crying out for something to cling to—looking for hope. Let us give the world hope, not fear! King Jesus is coming! Let us proclaim His soon arrival in tumultuous times.

***Hope is not wishful thinking; it is confident expectation. The King is you, the expectation of glory!***