

WORD AT WORK

Jesus & Justice VII

Dear Friend:

For many of us, this is the most challenging season we have ever known making Ephesians 6:10,11 even more precious. We are exhorted, *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”* Are we standing? Verse 13 comes as a command, *“Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.”* If we have done all, then we can stand!

Paul did not have a New Testament to preach from. His word about armor came from Isaiah 59 when Jesus was upset at the lack of justice. Jesus paid the price to open heaven for every believer so we could access Throne-Room justice! The Sword of the Spirit is not mentioned in Isaiah but it is obviously implied in the promised rise of a standard to thwart the flood of the enemy. Swinging the Sword is declaring the Word!

The only offensive weapon in the armor has an application in prayer. We should ask for specific Psalms to pray directly from God’s covenant prayer book. Every situation is covered in the Psalms from betrayal to stealing, character assassination, favor and divine provision. Asking the Father for covenant justice makes the Son very happy! Deliverance may be a declaration away! David prayed against his enemies!

Swinging the Sword of God’s Word and releasing it against the enemy in the Spirit is like David choosing five smooth stones and slinging one at Goliath’s head. Faith felled the giant. Even if circumstances do not change, continue speaking to the mountain. Persist until the mountain moves. Declare the Word until the head of the giant is removed. We are the standard God is lifting up against the enemy. Our part is to stand strong and declare the Word of the Lord! Through faith and patience we inherit the promises. After swinging the Sword, we stand expectant counting God faithful to perform His Word!

Yours in Him,

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MONDAY, November 1

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-17

One unique thing about this passage is that it outlines the nature of our supernatural warfare and then it exhorts us to put on the whole armor of God in order to walk in the midst of that warfare. Only one piece of the armor is offensive. Every other piece is defensive in nature. The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, wins nothing from a determined enemy if it is never unsheathed. Envision yourself using the Word just like David used a sword to decapitate Goliath. We have one offensive weapon. The question is, what are we to do with it and how are we to swing that sword? Since the New Testament did not exist when Paul was preaching “*Put on the whole armor...*,” checking context always demands we read the whole Old Testament passage. Where did this specific teaching come from? What passage did he use? Perhaps then we can discover what he had in mind for the use of the Sword of the Spirit. How do we use the Word of God offensively? The Bible is not silent about speaking God’s Word even when addressing a mountain. If we can move mountains, surely we can swing a sword that brings national deliverance!

TUESDAY, November 2

Scripture: Isaiah 59:14-21

The armor of God appears at the end of Isaiah 59. The context of the passage is about God being very unhappy because there is no justice. Verses 14 and 15 state, “*Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.*” When the church neglects to put on the armor and swing the Sword of the Spirit, there is no justice. Swinging the Sword of the Spirit means demanding specific justice on specific individuals! That is the only reason Jesus bought and paid for justice. The justice we are looking at in this passage has now been blood-bought. It is already purchased. The Redeemer has come to Zion and if we put the armor on, there is only one thing left to do to qualify – turn from transgression. If we will pay the price to turn from transgression, then we have an open door to swing the Sword of the Spirit and to demand the justice of God within our gifting and calling and by the direction of the Holy Spirit. May God’s very own purpose come forth. Perhaps as leaders, we have failed to teach believers how to swing the Sword in accordance with God’s purpose!

WEDNESDAY, November 3

Scripture: Daniel 7:13,14

Sometimes we need to renew our mind to Biblical concepts concerning Kingdom. If we have a specific eschatology promising our rapture, what do we say to the other 80% of believers in various nations currently

enduring the persecution Revelation describes? If justice is not available to the church for a period of time, then what do we do with the specific promise of His Kingdom? Scripture says, "...As a man thinks in his heart, so is he..." If we have been taught an end-time scenario where the church is battered and bruised with no recourse except removal, we should honestly reconsider what restoring David's tabernacle means. We may be called to swing the Sword of the Spirit! The typical fruit of a rapture mindset, yields control to a demonic dominion that overcomes and overwhelms the church in its withdrawn and passive state. For 40 years, the church has suffered loss of freedom from exhibiting passivity! We have not represented Jesus accurately. What we believe about the end-times has a dramatic impact on how we apply God's Word and the stance we take against evil! If we are expecting a quick exodus, there is little motivation to demand God's justice and project His dominion in the environment in which we live. That probably describes the majority of the American church. Daniel 7 seems to indicate that once Jesus establishes His Kingdom, it doesn't diminish or retreat. Verse 14 says, "*Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.*" When Daniel saw Jesus, He established a Kingdom that never diminished. Is that view of Jesus consistent with our view of the end-times? If not, perhaps we need an adjustment.

THURSDAY, November 4

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6,7

Isaiah 9:6,7 talks about Jesus and specifically in Verse 7 it says, "*Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*" Isaiah had a view of Jesus consistent with that of Daniel. Both men saw the Messiah establish a Kingdom that was not diminished, that was eternal and that continually moved forward. What then shall we say to this view of the government of Jesus? Does it match our view? Are we representing this Jesus? If not, what changes can we make?

FRIDAY, November 5

Scripture: Daniel 7:23-25

Daniel 7:24,25 states, "*The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.*" The interpretation of this passage that is most prominent in our generation is that the church will be completely overwhelmed for three and one half years. It is interesting that this passage also mentions that one king shall arise out of the ten horns and subdue three. One thing we can all agree on is that something monumental happens during this three and one half year period. A Judge is seated in heaven. During this process the church is paying the price to fill the cup that brings the utter destruction of one very antichrist individual, the culmination of the Kingdom is realized. It is not necessarily a period of great defeat. But it can actually be one where the church is manifesting the victory of the witnesses – that would be more than exciting. It is possible that while we have spent much time looking for a single individual antichrist to fulfill all Scripture, another option could unfold. What if *many* antichrists may already be at work fulfilling some of what is prophesied? If that is a possibility, we need to take another look at the justice of God that we should be representing as we swing the Sword of the Spirit.

SATURDAY, November 6

Scripture: 1 John 2:18-23

Verse 18 says, *“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”* 1 John is a very important book because its author also penned the book of Revelation. And it is obvious from 1 John that the antichrist was a spirit that could be identified in those who dramatically opposed the Kingdom. If the spirit of antichrist that we find in Revelation has its major manifestation in multiple people who yield to that spirit, then we need to rethink the single entity world domination view. And we certainly need to keep in mind the fact that Jesus’ dominion does not decrease. Many believers view our dominion decreasing to zero during the three plus years of his rule. If the two witnesses are the believing church as Jack Hayford suggests in the footnote to Revelation 11:3-6 in the Spirit-filled Bible”, then we definitely need to reconsider our end-time view. The two witnesses redefine overcoming with the manifestation of a Kingly anointing.

SUNDAY, November 7

Scripture: 1 John 2:24-27

In verses 24-27 there is tremendous encouragement for facing an antichrist spirit because we are told in Verse 27, *“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”* In the midst of great deception, we are promised an anointing which overcomes that deception imparts discernment and causes us to think straight and act accordingly preceding or during perhaps the greatest period of warfare that ever comes upon the earth. That is a valuable promise and one that should be embraced by every single one of us. God has a provision for the last days, even when the spirit of the antichrist is overwhelmingly deceiving so many. The Holy Spirit protects us!

MONDAY, November 8

Scripture: Matthew 24:1-3

In Matthew 24:1-3, Jesus is asked specifically three questions by the twelve. Verse 3 says, *“Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’”* The twelve were looking for the full measure of Jesus’ authority resident in the church and they were expectant for that manifestation. They experienced the reality of that Kingdom for three and one half years. They saw it in contact with darkness and they saw the darkness flee when people believed what was preached. Their three and one half year experience in God’s seminar was invaluable because it prepared them for what to expect when the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. They knew how to preach dominion because they had practiced dominion for three and one half years.

TUESDAY, November 9

Scripture: Matthew 24:4,5

In verses 4 and 5 we are told, *“And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”* Jesus made it obvious that the number one thing they were going to face in the last days was a crisis of discernment because of the magnitude of deception released by the spirit of antichrist. Perhaps we should be asking ourselves, how deceptive is the spirit of antichrist and what does it look like? Perhaps we have already witnessed a demonstration. When 42% of the church votes for a presidential candidate that openly champions an

antichrist agenda, you know that we have arrived at the place of which Jesus spoke. Voting for abortion has eternal consequences. Voting for any antichrist agenda has eternal consequences! When an antichrist spirit inhabits the leader of a nation, destruction reigns over the land.

WEDNESDAY, November 10

Scripture: Matthew 24:11-13

We are told in verses 11-13, *“Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”* The chief issue God is looking for is the ability to endure/plan-ah-o. It means to be consistently steadfast in pursuing a goal. Regardless of the opposition, we are continuing to march after the prize and we refuse to stop. There are many distractions for this season. Deception is rampant. False prophets are growing. Lawlessness is increasing. The love of many is growing cold. And the issue of endurance is rising to the forefront for the church. Can we endure to the end? Will we continue in the straight and narrow path or be drawn off into deception? No one predicted even thirty years ago that major denominations would turn apostate and sanction perversion! Will we pursue being a glorious church without spot wrinkle or blemish that Jesus called into existence? Will we demand the justice of God on those who choose to go another direction and are in fact destroying the earth and filling it with iniquity? Mercy to the real church is judgment on the crooked counterfeit. May the Sword of the Spirit cut off the enemy!

THURSDAY, November 11

Scripture: Daniel 7:23-25

Daniel 7:23-25 highlights a very interesting characteristic of the spirit of antichrist and helps us measure the degree and dimension to which that spirit is operational at the present time. It says, *“The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law...”* Now one of the interesting things about identifying the depth and dimension to which an antichrist spirit is at work is how rapidly the holidays and traditions are being changed. If you can remember a specific holiday like Christmas was universally celebrated and now you find it is outlawed in various spheres, you see the fruit of an antichrist spirit at work. During this period of change, we are warring with an antichrist spirit. But the dominion has not been taken away from Jesus. It never is. That dominion is still functional and operational. We have a right to demand that dominion on all those who champion the antichrist position. The question is, are we swinging that sword, or have we been led to believe there is no reason to swing it, because it is not going to do any real good? If we believe all these things have to happen, then we accept the silencing of God's voice of opposition! Thyatira was rebuked for tolerating evil – are we like them?

FRIDAY, November 12

Scripture: Daniel 7:26,27

Verses 26 and 27 are very encouraging concerning this period because they state, *“But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.”* Verses 26 and 27 tell us that there is a court being seated and it eventually convenes for business. I wonder who that

court wants to hear from? I would be willing to bet that court wants to hear from the saints. Is it possible that this is the season the court wants to hear from us because a case for justice needs to be made?

SATURDAY, November 13

Scripture: Daniel 7:25,26

When we put verses 25 and 26 together, we see that the saints are given into the antichrist hand for a season. In every nation where Christians are dying, the tribulation has come for them. They might argue with those who think we have not entered the tribulation period. Whenever tribulation occurs, the Throne-Room is open to hear the saints because Jesus overcame tribulation. Daniel revealed a season when the court is seated and they are hearing the case that is being argued by the saints. That court will take away the dominion of antichrist forever. If we have the view that antichrist is an individual, then we are probably waiting to be taken out when in fact it is a spirit that is unfolding in front of us, changing our times and law. The deception of an antichrist spirit is changing the laws to make homosexuality legal and righteousness illegal. Why are we not swinging the spiritual sword on those public officials who discourage the celebration of Christmas while encouraging the celebration of Ramadan and other false God's?. We have voted leaders with an antichrist spirit into office from both political parties. It may be we are tolerating those with an antichrist spirit while looking for ones who carries fullness. Every manifestation of an antichrist deserves a prayer demanding justice. Every antichrist promoting politician should be voted out. Even if this is just a warm up for the season where one individual manifests the fullness of the antichrist spirit, then it is obvious that the plea for justice that needs to come from the church is growing into what is the paramount conflict between the King of Kings and the counterfeit antichrist spirit attempting to rule the church here and now. There is a showdown coming – perhaps even here. Are we pleading our case before the Throne? If not, we should be.

SUNDAY, November 14

Scripture: Daniel 7:1-7

When Daniel had his vision of four distinct Kingdoms coming out of the sea he also saw the ultimate conflict of good and evil. It ended with the revelation of the fact that heaven has a Supreme Court. Most of us are familiar with the power of decisions that come out of a national Supreme Court. When America's Supreme Court made abortion legal over a generation ago, it established a new law resulting in over 50 million people being lost. The Supreme Court legislated the shedding of innocent blood on the land. The repercussions have been staggering. The government is going insolvent due to unthinkable levels of spending. Social security entitlements are an actuarial debt-bomb for which there is no apparent answer. What we are lacking are 50 million young workers contributing to the system. The baby-boom generation, through the Supreme Court, murdered their own contributors to security in retirement. 50 million Americans who could be contributing to the economy have been lost to abortion. The judgment is here. A whole generation tolerated the killing of their retirement. They chose convenience and now the Social Security that would be paid during their retirement years won't be there because the workers needed to produce it have all been assassinated. That is just round one of justice. Round two and three may be far different than what anyone wants to contemplate. Heaven has a Supreme Court. That court is seated. Decisions are being made. We stand as Kings and Priests. That means we can stand before that court demanding mercy on the land which means judgment on the perpetrators. We can demand selective mercy. We can demand selective judgment. We can demand judgment on those yielding to antichrist spirits. The court is seated, according to Daniel. What are we doing? What are we praying? What are we covenantally demanding? Jesus saw that there was no justice and He was upset. If there is no justice it is because of what the church is not praying!

MONDAY, November 15

Scripture: Daniel 7:8-10

Daniel 7:8-10 gives us a picture of the warfare that is taking place as these demonic kingdoms emerge to challenge God. In the face of their rebellion God establishes His Kingdom eventually constructing a Throne for the Ancient of Days. Perhaps the church has something to do with the establishing of that Throne. Prepare to battle the emergence of antichrist spirits which change laws and times. Daniel alludes that *Thrones* plural are established. Perhaps part of establishing those Thrones is facing persecution and adversity. When we worship in adversity, we know that the Lord is enthroned in the praises of His people. Revelation 14,12 points us to the necessary character to navigate the last days, "*Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*" Perhaps those Thrones are being built out of the prayers of our lives. Are we still here is to fill the cup that establishes those Thrones?

TUESDAY, November 16

Scripture: Daniel 7:1-12

When the court is seated, cases are heard, books are opened and judgments are rendered in favor of the saints. It is inevitable that justice will prevail. It has to be argued, proclaimed, decreed, and prayed about, but it is inevitable that justice will ultimately triumph. If there is anything the Scripture is very clear about it is that justice wins! It seems that we have a harvest of nations and that it is time for justice to fall on the head of every wicked obstacle to the harvest! Psalm 2:8,9 states, "*As of Me and I will give You the nations for your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*" We are asking God to do what He has promised us to do! Wielding a rod of iron represents declaring Kingly justice on the deeds of those who oppose God's will.

WEDNESDAY, November 17

Scripture: Daniel 7:13,14

Verse 14 makes it very clear that the nature of dominion that goes with the Kingdom of God covers all peoples, all nations and all languages. The kingdom is everlasting. It does not pass away. It cannot be destroyed. That is very different from the view that most of us have who grew up reading *The Late Great Planet Earth*. Based on what Daniel saw, it may be possible to gain a harvest while confronting evil in the power of the kingdom. In order to prepare for such an opportunity, we might have to put our rapture expectations on the shelf. I hope we are gone while God's severity deals with the rest of mankind. It would certainly be nice if it goes that way. If it does not go that way, I am a bit concerned about us being unprepared to walk the distance. Probably the most uncertain things in the Bible have nothing to do with our salvation but have everything to do with how eschatology unfolds in the last days. Some of the greatest Biblical minds of all time have disagreed over that subject. There is tremendous uncertainty over how these events unfold and whether or not we deal with figurative or literal witnesses. There is a whole dimension of interpretation from literal to figurative and when you get to application, it tremendously escalates the uncertainty of the application so that it almost seems impossible to figure out until we are walking through it. If we wait until we are walking through it to settle some issues, we could find ourselves severely unprepared for what is transpiring around us. That would be a tragedy laid at the feet of those of us walking in five-fold ministry. It certainly seems the prudent approach is to prepare to go through. Learning to manifest the fullness of God's dominion right up to the day we go home is a mark of wisdom. We can all rejoice if it is sooner, rather than later!

THURSDAY, November 18

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 28:18-20 is a very familiar passage because it is the Great Commission. In the Great Commission we are told that all governmental authority has been given to Jesus and He transfers it to us. Because of that, we are commissioned to carry governmental judicial authority. We have access to every single hour of every single day. That access cannot be suspended just because an antichrist spirit gets in office. This authority does not stop if an enemy takes control of a nation. It does not stop for *anything!* We still have judicial access to the Throne and the question becomes: what are we doing with the access which we have? Jesus bought and paid for that access and we are supposed to be using it to gain a harvest! The question is: are we using it to the degree and dimension we should? If Iran gets a nuclear-weapon and destroys Israel, it is obvious there are a whole lot of Christians who didn't use their access to stop evil. It is time to demand covenantal judicial intervention from heaven! It is time to demand that the very weapons they seek for the destruction of our harvest will blow up in their face first. That is justice, a distinct rod of iron. That is worth praying about.

FRIDAY, November 19

Scripture: Daniel 7:15-22

How we view Daniel 7 determines how we prepare for the last days. An antichrist spirit ruling significant parts of the world is a thread that repeats twice. Does the enemy prevail over all the church or just a part of it? Is he given authority to prevail against the church until the court is seated, and the judgments are issued? Someone has to present a case. Verse 22 proclaims the judgment is made in favor of the saints. Since all authority has been given to Jesus in heaven and on earth, we know that the court is going to rule in our favor. That is a foregone conclusion. So it is time to put a demand on that court for some judicial intervention! Just in case it is already in session! The early church prayed and Herod was promptly removed!

SATURDAY, November 20

Scripture: Ephesians 3:10-12

Perhaps it is in this process that the eternal purpose for the church outlined in Ephesians 3:10-12 begins to manifest. Verses 10-12 states, "*...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.*" We are called to demonstrate to principalities and powers that they do not rule. The eternal purpose for the church is to teach principalities and powers that their representatives cannot prevail. How do we do that? We find ourselves in situations where they appear to be ruling. We find that laws are being passed that are antichrist in nature and they are now the rule of the land. The current rule of the land is that you cannot place the Ten Commandments on a schoolhouse wall. Every Justice who perpetuates that should meet God's Rod of Iron! The rule of the land is now that you cannot pray in public schools. Bring the 'Rod of Iron' on every obstacle! There is a whole lot that we cannot do. That is antichrist and it is now the rule. Since all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Jesus, we can demand that God sever those from the earth who champion the antichrist cause. They need to be removed and taken to their eternal reward. That is a prayer that we can pray. The court judges. How else can we teach principalities and powers that they do not rule, except by angelic intervention in answer to prayer when angels on assignment go take the life away from today's 'Herods'. There are 'Herods' on the Supreme Court that need to be prayed into that angel's hands. There are 'Herods' in the Senate that need to be prayed into that angel's hands. There are 'Herods' in the House of Representatives that need to be prayed into that angel's hands. There are 'Herods' in the White

House that need to be prayed into that angel's hands. Every single place a 'Herod' appears and continues to champion antichrist changes in the law, they need to be prayed into that angel's hand. God's Rod of Iron is real and it is released in prayer.

SUNDAY, November 21

Scripture: Hebrews 10:12,13

Hebrews 10:12,13 gives us a picture of precisely what we are waiting for right now, *"But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool."* Jesus apparently cannot come back until His enemies are made His footstool. Now that presents a slight conflict with how we have been taught by rapture theology. Rapture theology, as I understand it, has Jesus coming back and taking believers out **before** that happens. Is Jesus waiting on the church to demand justice? Is He waiting on us to demand salvation? If Jesus has to sit until His enemies are made His footstool, it seems that we may be a little bit remiss in demanding extraction right now. We should be demanding covenant justice at every juncture!

MONDAY, November 22

Scripture: Hebrews 10:14-19

The next few verses make it evident that God is working to establish faith in the church by removing guilt. He will witness to us that our sins are forgiven. He will witness to us that He will remember lawless deeds no more. That releases boldness. That boldness enables us to go into the Throne of Grace and put a demand on God – most likely for justice. If we can do that, then we know we have what we ask for and justice is a done deal. It is ours! When the church has boldness in the Holy of Holies we are ready to bring forth the justice of God!

TUESDAY, November 23

Scripture: Hebrews 10:20,21

When the church has boldness and when we know that our sins are remitted and not an issue any more, we are propelled to enter into the Holy of Holies through the way Jesus consecrated and utilize what His High Priestly rule has bought and paid for. We stand up into the fullness of Christ which Jesus bought and purchased in our behalf. We stand up into the fullness of what God has enabled us to do all along and we act as if the Father loves us every bit as much as He loves the Son. The High Priestly prayer of John 17 becomes a realization in this group of people, both as a Priest and as a King. The Spirit moves us for either judgment or mercy or salvation as individually needed. It is not our issue any more. God directs and God corrects as he wills!

WEDNESDAY, November 24

Scripture: Hebrews 10:22

In this place we draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. The Greek word for true is **al-ay-thee-nos** and it means "no crooked place in it". When we draw near with a true heart, the result is a full assurance of faith because of the work that has been done in our heart. The heart has no consciousness of sin. That gives us exactly what we are asking for. We have it and it is a done deal, whether it is on the salvation side or the judicial side. This is something to expect in this season because it is part of what God is doing in the church. Both Peter and Paul demonstrated in Acts the Priestly and Kingly ministries. Why should we expect anything less?

THURSDAY, November 25

Scripture: Hebrews 10:23

The fruit of this process then becomes, *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.”* The church in the last days is walking in the full measure of Christlikeness and they are bringing forth both salvation and justice from the Throne. This is the church without spot, wrinkle or blemish for which we have been looking. It is a reality and it is emerging every single day. We choose at what level to participate.

FRIDAY, November 26

Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 4 promises the full measure of God's grace and mercy in our behalf to enable us to boldly go to the Throne of Grace. Now the mercy we obtain is two-fold. It is first for ourself. It is secondly, then, for family, city, or nation, as we are led by the Spirit. Without the mercy for self, we would never have the faith to lay hold of the mercy for our family, city or nation. The boldness of the church in obtaining mercy is the place of God's dealing with the church right now. Mercy to King David manifested in God's destruction of the enemy!

SATURDAY, November 27

Scripture: acts 13:21-23

In Acts 13:21-23 we have the longest recorded message given by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. In verses 21-23 he states that David, of all the kings in Scripture, is the one whose heart most reflects that of God Himself. If we can get ahold of that, then we realize that in the shaping and developing of our heart, there are two main options. We will either end up like Saul, doing our own will, or like David, doing God's will. Those are the choices. The development of the heart has to come in two forms. Either it yields to our own will or fully yields to God's will. Fully yielding to God's will is David's path and also mirrors what Jesus walked. Jesus fully yielded. David fully yielded. David made mistakes, he made errors, he had problems, but in the end he repented and fully yielded. That is what made David a man after God's own heart. He fully yielded. Are we fully yielding? That is what God is after right now. That is what makes a David.

SUNDAY, November 28

Scripture: Jeremiah 26:1-8

The Lord told Jeremiah in a very transitional season, much like the one we seem to be in right now, *“Do not diminish a word.”* It was absolutely imperative in that season that Jeremiah not compromise a single word. The question is, do we have a church that is living according to that standard right now? Or do we have one that is compromising the Word? Only by not compromising the Word can we prepare the church for what is ahead. When leaders choose ignore issues for fear of offending givers then they are among those who diminish the Word. Serving into that altar connects us to compromise!

MONDAY, November 29

Scripture: Psalm 59

A real good test as to whether we have developed into the David-like heart or still have some Saul-like tendencies is whether or not we can pray Psalm 59. If we can pray Psalms 59 over leaders and others as led by the Holy Spirit in this season, then we are moving in the right direction. When in war, ask God to remove the enemy. The chances are we are pretty close to David. If we have a real problem with praying Psalm 59 and plugging names in it, then we still have a ways to go because we are probably trying to save people that God wants to remove. Let Psalm 59 be a spiritual yardstick.

TUESDAY, November 30

Scripture: Psalm 143:12, Psalm 149

In Psalm 143:12, mercy for David was the absolute destruction of the enemy. In Psalm 149 we would say, if we cannot move God's hand in covenant, then we are much more like Saul than David. It is just that simple. The proof is in the pudding. You pray it, declare it, put a demand on God for covenant intervention. And then we have to watch Him move. Praying for God's justice is biblical in this season. Addressing the Heavenly Court in prayer is biblical in this season. Putting a demand on God for a decision in our favor is biblical. Do it We need to expect the full removal of antichrist politicians who refuse to change. There are antichrist judges who are appointed for life who will not change. Demanding their utter removal is biblical and it is for right now. Do it!

Let's activate the covenant
And follow David's lead.
Be clothed with Justice...wisdom...truth
Preparing to succeed!

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