

THE WORD AT THE WORD

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The Sure Mercies of David II

SUNDAY, October 1

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-3

As we study the sure mercies of David, one of the first things we notice about God's invitation to possess the covenant is a call to **pursue** it. **Pursuing** means choosing and prioritizing where any conflicts arise from money or time. The real issue is in the *heart*. Isaiah says, "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live;...." The invitation extended by God is one of choice, one that comes in a season where judgment is building in the land and nothing will turn it that has been done up to this point. If we look for parallels between the state of Isaiah's nation and ours, what will we find? Many conditions are parallel indicating Isaiah's invitation can be every bit as powerful now as it was when he first uttered it.

MONDAY, October 2

Scripture: Acts 13:1-3

Acts 13:1-3 reveals the second step of the process, if we view Isaiah as issuing the initial invitation to seek the Lord and **pursue** Him that we might possess the covenant of sure mercy. Acts 13:1-3 shows us how God responds when people *do* such **pursuing**. The church at Antioch was unique in that it became the transitional church as God progressively moved away from the cultural boundaries blockading Jerusalem from the expansion God intended. Antioch was a multicultural church where the nations were represented. Within the leadership group, which **pursued** the Lord, the most outstanding characteristic was *variety*. We have Barnabas who was a Levite. We have Simeon who was black. We have Lucius – a Greek. We have Manaen who was brought up with Herod the Tetrarch, obviously a member of aristocracy. And finally a Jewish philosopher who was trained in the best schools by Israel's leading Rabbis. The group was diverse culturally. It was diverse nationalistically and it was certainly diverse spiritually. What thing did they all have in common? They were all **pursuing** the Lord for His purpose and covenant blessing. God honored **pursuit**. They rise to the next level and are sent. They surpass the original twelve in manifested power. They have the full measure of understanding that apostolic authority was part of God's plan for the Church and went well beyond the men Jesus initially picked. "...When He ascended on high, and led captivity captive..." - He gave gifts to men and without hesitation they received and walked in God's purposes.

TUESDAY, October 3

Scripture: Acts 13:4-8

Once they were "...sent out by the Holy Spirit,..." they entered into an apostolic authority, which apparently comes from passing two major tests. The church at Antioch had gone where Jerusalem could not because of its cultural prejudice. After preaching in the Synagogues, they found themselves in a place where

they were confronted by spiritual opposition. The opposition comes from a counterfeit Jewish prophet who attempted to hold the region under his sway and keep the word of God out of the region. It demonstrates the political alliance that counterfeit ministers often attempt to make in order to keep their hold and racial power-base in a region. We see that today where men carry titles of “Reverend” but whose whole emphasis is in the political arena where they can maintain media attention. You know they are not God’s ministers when they only support candidates who defile and destroy the land. We have called such individuals “political pimps” who have sold their spiritual birthright for fame, fortune and political praise. Paul clearly demonstrated what God thinks of “political pimps” masquerading as ministers. We need the anointing that dispenses blindness. Will we live to see the judgment God brought in Acts manifested in our generation?

WEDNESDAY, October 4

Scripture: Acts 13:9-13

Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, brought a declaration of judgment against the deception and fraud that was being perpetrated in the land attempting to block God outside the region. We need to understand verse 12 is very important because it tells us, “Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the LORD.” The Greek word translated “teaching” is the word **did-a-che**. The question is: does our doctrine match God’s doctrine? Can you imagine the anointing released in the Church to blind people for a season, or to carry them out – as in Ananias and Sapphira? Where is the **did-a-che** of the LORD? When will we see it manifested? Perhaps God is waiting on us to qualify!

THURSDAY, October 5

Scripture: Acts 13:14-19

Luke continues his account in Acts 13 of the travels of Barnabas and Paul recording what Paul preached on a Sabbath in a different Antioch in another region. It’s almost as if he leaves the judgment of the **did-a-che** of the LORD in a very matter-of-fact way suggesting this was a common experience in the lives of the New Testament Church. We end up asking ourselves where is the **did-a-che** of the LORD today? He goes on to point out the importance of times and seasons and says in verses 18 and 19, “Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment.” The issue of times and seasons is absolutely essential if we are to understand the restoration of the **did-a-che** of the LORD and the issues at hand for both Church and nation. Is it possible for a covenant nation, such as America, who was founded in covenant to depart from that covenant and not incur judgment? Will the Church progressively grow to a place where it’s empowered with the same level of anointing so common in the early Church and turn a nation back to God? Acts 13 clearly demonstrates the need for a level of God’s anointing rarely possessed and manifested in the Church in our day. Will we lose our nation or will we get God’s anointing and turn it back to Him?

FRIDAY, October 6

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

We have a free nation today (USA) with a government totally biased on what pastors preached in the 1700’s. By the same standard, we may lose the same nation because of what pastors refuse to preach. The failure of Church leadership to follow the simple principles of Luke 16 is astounding. The Church will never clearly understand the spiritual issues involved in an election until its leadership repents from being unjust stewards. When unjust stewards fill pulpits there is never any difference between the clean and the unclean because they continually waste their master’s goods. In order to make friends, keep their budget and position, they often only require 50 measures of oil when God requires 100. The issue of being unjust is for personal gain and manifests in never quite ministering the full measure of covenant allowing people to participate in a form of godliness but removing the power. Such is the condition of the Church today that it cannot discern the issues in an election and consequently we find ourselves recovering from a total lack of moral leadership and a

continual defilement where destruction accumulates through policies of individuals the Church fully supports. Our Founding Fathers would be staggering if they were to visit Sunday morning church services in America and look at the condition of the Church today.

SATURDAY, October 7

Scripture: Leviticus 20:1-5

The covenantal power of the vote was initiated in America because our Forefathers understood that whoever you supported and voted for you were accountable in representative government for the choices that individual pledged to make. When we understand the sacrifice of innocent children defiles a land so that it vomits out the inhabitants and brings the judgment of God - how can we support that? Who after attending a decent church could ever vote for anyone who promised to keep abortion legal and who continually vetoed bills attempting to stop partial birth abortions. Yet vast segments of the Church support individuals of this persuasion. When they face Jesus they will have to give an account for their votes contributing to the destruction of the land. Is there ever any accountability? There certainly will be! And the job of the Church is to help people see the issues involved and conduct their lives accordingly. Any other form of behavior qualifies a leader as an unjust servant worthy of being replaced. How many “Reverends” do we have in America who consistently support candidates who promise to keep abortion legal? Behold – you are looking at “political pimps” - *not* representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ! Pimping preachers portraying themselves as men of God. It’s enough to make a sane person vomit.

SUNDAY, October 8

Scripture: Leviticus 20:6-8

The second thing that brings a land into judgment and destruction is the open promotion of mediums, witches, psychic networks and dial-a-demon businesses. We see this prohibited in verses 6-8 and we see it proliferating in the land. Today, perhaps, the chief promoter of this form of spiritual destruction comes right out of Hollywood. All you have to do is watch the political flow of money in Hollywood and you know what political party is of this spirit. Discernment by chapter and verse is not dead – it’s alive and well. We better get delivered from the label of “Democrats” and “Republicans” and become what God intended us to be – Christians! Is it any wonder Jesus talked about the condition of an individual when “...his salt has lost its flavor...”? When we are more interested in being “Democrats” and “Republicans” we have *lost our salt* and are near worthless in the Kingdom of GOD! It’s time for the Church to be the CHURCH! Stand for God and let the chips fall where they will in the political arena.

MONDAY, October 9

Scripture: Leviticus 20:9

Rebellion in every form is a major part of defiling the land. Politicians continually curse what our Forefathers stood for and attempt to remove from our laws any prohibition of unrighteousness that previous generations passed. We are living in a season where our leaders continually curse the generational fathers and mothers who shed their blood to make a nation great. That rebellion has to bring a judgment. How long will we continue to allow, through the guise of politics, individuals to pollute our land through wickedness and abomination? When we vote for people who promote worship of nature – we are voting judgment to ourselves!

TUESDAY, October 10

Scripture: Leviticus 20:10-24

Verses 22 and 23 are very interesting in that they point out a spiritual principle solidly at work today. We are told, “You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation

which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them.” How can a person call themselves a Christian and openly spit in God’s face by supporting and voting for the open promotion of homosexuality and lesbianism? How can we as Believers support any candidate for President who has vowed to continue the policies of his predecessor by promoting perversion? How can any Christian vote to pollute, destroy and defile the nation by supporting such policy? It has been an astounding thing to me to watch the Church support that very thing over the past eight years. GOD says we will lose the ability to defend our land. Will America, and other nations, follow the path of Israel or will the Church turn the captivity and possess Psalm 2 seeing a restoration?

WEDNESDAY, October 11

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:39-47

Can we say that God’s word is currently working? We have had eight years of the Presidential promotion of homosexuality and lesbianism in the Military and eight years of the promotion of abortion! We should ask ourselves, is our country losing its ability to defend itself? One simple question reveals the answer. Which adversarial nation has developed the following level of force? 709,000 Regular Service Soldiers, 293,000 Reserve Troops, 8 Standing Army Divisions, 20 Air Force and Navy Air Wings with 2,000 Combat Aircraft, 232 Strategic Bombers, 13 Strategic Ballistic Missile Submarines with 3,114 Nuclear Warheads, 4 Aircraft Carriers, 121 Surface Combat Ships and Submarines plus all the Support Bases, Ship Yards and Logistical Assets to sustain such a Naval Force. Is this country Russia? No! Is it Red China? No! Is it Great Britain? No! Is it Iraq? No! *It is what America has LOST in eight years of promoting what the Bible calls abominable.* The adversarial nation is ours – the USA. If we have lost that much in eight years – how much will we lose in the next four if we have the same mentality in office? **GOD’S WORD – WORKS** ... to our blessing or to our judgment. Which way are we moving?

THURSDAY, October 12

Scripture: Matthew 12:30

We need to understand the issue of either being *with* God – or *against* God. When we vote for an individual who supports abortion we need to realize we are voting to support all the Planned Parenthood Clinics throughout America, many of which have set up within their borders Tissue Harvesting Services which offer to the medical community, research labs and drug companies, various pieces, parts and specimens of (**aborted**) **bodies cut up to order** on the spot. **Livers** equal or less than eight weeks fetch \$150, greater than eight weeks they are \$125. **Pancreas** equal to or less than eight weeks are \$100. **Thymus** equal to or less than eight weeks is \$100, greater than eight weeks \$75. The real winner though is a **brain** equal to or less than eight weeks is worth \$999, greater than eight weeks the price drops all the way to \$150. A **pituitary gland** greater than eight weeks is worth \$300. **Bone marrow** equal to or less than eight weeks \$350, while greater than eight weeks its only \$250. You can get \$400 for an intact **embryonic cadaver** equal to or less than eight weeks, while greater than eight weeks the price jumps to \$600. A monetary motivation to let young ladies who seek Planned Parenthood Services carry their babies beyond eight weeks clearly exists! It’s an additional \$200 if they can get the baby out intact – and of course kill it in the process! An intact **trunk** with or without limbs is \$500. **Spinal cord** is worth \$325. Do you realize that in America we have eclipsed by 5 what was done in Europe in the Holocaust during World War II !!! Who can ever lift a finger and point at what was done in Germany and Poland and ever condemn anything when they live in America and vote for individuals who make the sale of baby body parts an everyday part of our nation’s life! When we vote for a person who supports such policy – in GOD’S eyes we are guilty of committing the acts that politician supports. Do we really understand the covenantal power of the vote that our Forefathers gave us? It’s time we did and acted accordingly!

FRIDAY, October 13

Scripture: Revelation 11:15-18

In Revelation 11:15-18 we are told very clearly what Jesus, the returning Judge, does to individuals who support what brings destruction to a covenantal nation. We are told in verses 17 and following, “We give You thanks, O LORD God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus Himself is committed to destroy those who destroy the earth? All the things we read in Leviticus chapter 20 are things which destroy the earth. When we vote for individuals that support policies that destroy the land – then we participate with them and are agents through our vote allowing them to gain position whereby they can continue that destruction insuring our guilt and participating in their eternal penalty. Why don’t we find the covenantal power of the vote preached from the pulpits of America? Probably because unjust servants are many in our midst requiring much less than what God demands. Jesus, in Luke 16, spoke specifically to that issue when He said, “Make friends of unrighteous mammon, that when they fail they may receive you into everlasting habitations.” Where are we living? Where will we be living when the Judge returns?

SATURDAY, October 14

Scripture: Acts 13:19-26

In the progression of Acts 13 we find as Paul and Barnabas are ministering in Antioch in Pisidia, they begin to recount the spiritual history of Israel. In verse 26 they make this statement, “Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.” We need to ask ourselves, where is *the fear of the LORD* in the Church today? It certainly is not in the nation. It’s not in our politicians. *Why* is it not in the nation? And *why* is it not in our politicians? The answer can only be because it is not in the Church, and it is has not been brought from the Church to the world. That is a job we have as Church people. Have we been doing it? Or are we falling down in our calling? Is it time to stand up and believe for the full measure of anointing that Acts 13 portrays?

SUNDAY, October 15

Scripture: Acts 13:27-34

As Paul and Barnabas progress through the message they end up making a declaration that takes us all the way back to Isaiah 55 because Paul says in verse 34, “And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’” The thing we have to ask ourselves at this stage is: how do we balance out the issue of judgment and mercy. Can a nation who has already eclipsed by 5 what is attributed to Germany find the mercy of God when it appears judgment is demanded? Can we find a promise for mercy in a season where judgment seems much more appropriate? We need to remember that what happened in Europe during World War II is minuscule compared to what has happened in the nation of America in the last 25 years – and more specifically the last 8. Will the Church be part of God’s answer or will it continue to contribute to the problem? Let us agree that God will fill our pulpits with “just stewards” who are not afraid to speak the truth!

MONDAY, October 16

Scripture: Exodus 23:20-22

In Exodus during a season of covenant people “possessing their promises” there was a heightened demand for obedience. God’s word portrays people as they were preparing to receive what had been promised. Verses 20 and 21 say, “Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place where I have prepared. Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon

your transgressions; for My name is in Him.” After a hundred years of the love of God being ministered does our doctrine allow the expectation the **did-a-che** of the Lord that we have read about in Acts 13? Do we really understand the God of judgment or do we expect Him to simply roll over because He “loves” us letting our national transgressions slide? Notice the power of these verses, “Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.” There are times and seasons when the Church must stand up and produce the biblical standard in order to appropriate what God has ordained for that season. Is it possible that we are in such a place today? How much transformation do we need in our thinking to line up with God’s attitude to possess an anointing to harvest nations?

TUESDAY, October 17

Scripture: Exodus 23:22-26

During a season of possessing the promises of God, Moses outlined for the people what God would do for them if they would but obey His voice and not transgress His word. He said in verse 22, “...I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.” The only thing that was required during that season of possessing the promises was walking committed to God and not mixing or bowing to prevalent religious attitudes of the day. Moses went on to say, “You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars. So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.” Have we prepared the people of God to participate in the season of birthing an anointing for the nations? Have we declared the difference between the clean and the unclean or has our *ministerial silence* prepared them through deception to be disqualified for what God is about to do?

WEDNESDAY, October 18

Scripture: Exodus 23:27-33

We completely understand that preparatory to possessing the promise God demanded there be not a mixture where the people were living like the unbelievers in the land. They were required to follow the standard of God and walk according to His ways. They were told, in verses 32 and 33, “You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.” Agreeing with Hell has a big price tag. If you walk away from the covenant, if you participate in what seems to be normal spiritual activity you can well lose the full measure of what God intends. This thorough warning in fact was necessary, because history records that is precisely what happened to Israel. Can we learn from this warning? Can we learn it is not safe to vote for someone because our parents did or because they belong to a particular political party which is closely attune to our heritage? We need to apply **God’s standard** and not live like the majority who now dwell in the land. To possess what God has for us demands a higher standard and walking according to His ways. I hope we can hear and act accordingly in the not to distant future.

THURSDAY, October 19

Scripture: Exodus 25:16-21

Will we as a nation, as a Church – a nation within a nation, find mercy or judgment? The nation deserves judgment but can the Church bring the mercy of God to bear and turn the judgment into salvation? In Exodus 25 we find a perfect picture of God’s heart in a season like the one in which we live. We find the ark of the testimony which God gave was covered with a mercy seat. A picture exists in how God placed the furniture. According to verses 21 and 22 we are told, “You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you.” God clearly shouts from the placement of covenantal

symbols His heart toward our failures. Over every law that we have the ability to transgress, God pictures **mercy** in a sitting, dwelling, abiding position. The emphasis is on the *position* and the position of mercy is **above** Law. Can we bring mercy to bear when our nation deserves judgment? According to this picture the answer is absolutely “Yes” !

FRIDAY, October 20

Scripture: Exodus 25:22

In verse 22 we’re told, “And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, of all things which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.” The picture that emerges here in verse 22 is God telling His people even though He sent His Angel, and His name was in Him, and He would not pardon their iniquity, and they had to be careful, the place where He would meet them (even based on all He had given in testimony and commandment) would be **above** the mercy seat and **on top of** the Law. He was very explicit to say “**there**” (and you could almost hear “...and **only** there...”) “...I will meet with you and I will speak with you from **above** the mercy seat...” God made it clear that even though commandment might be violated, He would still meet with them above the mercy seat. This is a picture proclaiming hope of bringing mercy to bear where judgment is deserved. God seeks to meet us over His word – the true mercy. Are we appropriating the mercy we need to save our cities and nation?

SATURDAY, October 21

Scripture: First Kings 19:1-3

One of the issues we begin to face as priests before the LORD is what is the primary purpose for our priesthood? Did God intend us to bring judgment or did He intend us to bring salvation? We have plenty of examples of God bringing judgment in the Old Testament and even examples of God bringing judgment in the New. But ultimately even in judgment we must ask what is God’s purpose for our priesthood and what happens when the prophetic heart gets offended by sin? Is it possible we can prophesy judgment out of the offense of our heart and miss God’s redemptive purpose?

SUNDAY, October 22

Scripture: Ephesians 4:4-11

Ephesians 4 tells us “When Jesus ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.....He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,....” In order to answer the question we posed yesterday – “is it possible to prophesy out of the offense of the heart?” – we must look at the fivefold ministry in a different way. Years ago the LORD showed me a picture of Jesus ascending to heaven. When Jesus arrived, His heart emerged from His chest. It suddenly divided into five pieces and all five pieces shot back to the earth like falling stars and when they hit and landed on different individuals throughout the earth the only time you had the “fullness of Christ” was when those five individuals came together and deposited pieces of their heart in congregations. From that moment on I began to view individuals in ministry differently. I stopped looking at manifestations and I started looking for their heart in what they said and how they operated. I discovered when a person receives a “teaching heart” and is asked for counsel he gets hit by the 2 X 4 of God’s word – chapter and verse, with an attitude of “What is the matter with you, can’t you read the Bible? What about this book is it that you don’t understand? Are you brain-dead and stupid or can you not read?” The attitude is often void of compassion for the individual because the “teaching heart” is for the application of God’s word and there is very little grace for people who won’t apply what is obvious in the Book. On the other hand you have the pastor who will change his messages and modify his theology continually based on where people are. To a true teacher, a pastor often looks like a worthless, milk-toast weasel and most teachers can’t understand how the truly “pastoral gift” ever managed to get into the position where it leads the Church. If it seems like these two “hearts” are in conflict, it is because they are.

MONDAY, October 23

Scripture: Ephesians 4:10-16

God intended *all* of these gifts to contribute so His Church could manifest the fullness of Christ. Whenever an evangelist runs a local church, he has the divine ability to overlook sin. He loves people into the Kingdom. Sin does not bother him. The evangelist almost always has one of the larger churches around, but you will also find one of the most carnal churches in town. A prophet on the other hand, when you put him in charge of the local church, will have a pure, clean, sold out and very holy congregation of three. But the standard he will set will be so great that few can endure it and it's usually the smallest fellowship. Why is it God set all these pieces in one body and said we had to make room for *all* of them in order to have the fullness of Christ. The reason for looking at five-fold is to consider who might potentially prophesy out of the offense of the heart. Which of the five is most vulnerable? How many prophecies of judgment have you heard concerning the nation? Is it possible that those who are prophesying judgment are actually speaking out of the offense of their prophetic heart concerning the issues of sin in the land? What happens if we get caught prophesying out of the offense of the heart? That is a question we must answer. We certainly have to discern it.

TUESDAY, October 24

Scripture: First Kings 19:4-8

Elijah is just coming from one of the greatest victories of his life. He has purified and cleansed the land by slaying the prophets of Baal and yet the warfare encountered is overwhelming. It brings great discouragement and he suddenly doesn't see that he has accomplished anything at all. Verse 4 tells us, "And he prayed that he might die, and said, 'It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!'" Great discouragement comes on Elijah and where does that come from? Is it simply that Jezebel is attempting to kill him or are there other issues involved? Perhaps we need to understand that if we prophecy out of the offense of the heart we open the door to the enemy and force God to take action – and not the kind for which we are asking.

WEDNESDAY, October 25

Scripture: First Kings 19:9-12

Here we find God and Elijah having a conversation and we have to remember what kind of a prophet Elijah is. Elijah is a "power" prophet. Elijah only knows God by power manifestations. So what is Elijah doing in this place? God asks a rhetorical question, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah answers, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." To us this might sound like a complaint. But when you're called to be a prophet it has more of an impact in eternity than just a complaint. It almost becomes a prayer. Elijah goes out and stands on the mountain before the LORD. The LORD passes by in three dimensions of power that Elijah knows and in each one of those dimensions God is surely absent. Suddenly God is in none of the places of power that Elijah expects. What did Elijah do that took God out of the power manifestations with which he was so familiar?

THURSDAY, October 26

Scripture: First Kings 19:13-14

Again God asks Elijah the same question, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" So he said, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.'" Now if the second answer sounds like the first, it is because Elijah has responded the same way. Now what appears to be the complaint of verse 10 becomes the prayer proclamation of verse 14. And when a prayer proclamation before the Throne comes from a prophetic gift it almost seems like it carries the weight of

prophecy. Do we have a situation where Elijah is speaking *against* the nation that God extends to save? If he did it – we know we’re capable of it! Is it possible we are doing it? How many of the prophecies of judgment we have heard have actually come from this spirit?

FRIDAY, October 27

Scripture: Romans 11:1-3

We would probably not fully understand the weight of Elijah’s two identical proclamations, had it not been for Romans 11. We are told in Romans 11 exactly what Elijah was doing in First Kings 19. Verses 1 through 4 say, “I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God **against** Israel, saying, ‘*LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life*’? But what does the divine response say to him? ‘*I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.*’” Suddenly we discover that Elijah is proclaiming, pleading, and speaking **against** the nation that God sent him to help turn to salvation. What potentially happens when we, through the offense of heart, prophesy against the very people God wants us to impact and help save? Can there be a penalty for prophesying out of the offense of the heart? The answer is clearly “Yes.”

SATURDAY, October 28

Scripture: First Kings 19:13-16

We see that God says to Elijah immediately following his proclamation in verse 15, “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.” What happens to Elijah when he prophesies or pleads against Israel? He gets *replaced*. How much does God want us interceding and bringing forth salvation? He wants it so much that He shows us it is possible to get *replaced* when we begin to take a stand against a covenant of mercy.

SUNDAY, October 29

Scripture: Proverbs 20:28

Proverbs 20:28 says, “Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by loving kindness he upholds his throne.” What happens to the kingly anointing that God wants us to walk in if we prophesy judgment when God intends us to take His covenant of mercy and bring salvation? Well, we can lose the kingly anointing because it is founded on mercy! Does the Church have its kingly authority that we’re suppose to be walking in today? Is it possible one of the reasons we don’t have it is that we entertain and listen to prophecy that comes from an offended heart bringing judgment instead of the salvation God intends?

MONDAY, October 30

Scripture: Leviticus 16:11-13

In Leviticus 16:11 through 13, we find a perfect picture of God’s intent for our priesthood. What we find is that when the priest entered the holy of holies the very first thing he did was a chief purpose of our New Testament priesthood in the Throne Room. Notice verses 12 and 13, “Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die.” Two things are seen here immediately. Number one, nobody can stand above the testimony and live because we all, at one point or another, have violated the commandments. So the chief job of the priests was to activate the mercy of God by bringing “...incense beaten fine....” If you are a priest who has walked through adversity and discover yourself “...beaten fine...” you are

the very incense God is looking for in this season to activate His mercy and to save cities and nations. The number one job of the priest was to activate the mercy of the LORD once he got into the holy of holies. Are we doing our primary job?

TUESDAY, October 31

Scripture: James 2:13

We are told very clearly in Scripture “Mercy triumphs over judgment.” Let’s take the judgment deserved and through the covenant activate God’s mercy, applying it to our cities and nation saving what could be lost if we don’t participate in our calling in these last days. God called the CHURCH to be an agent of mercy and He gave us a covenant to stand on. Let’s learn our covenant, take our stand and watch God do the rest.

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God sees you there.....

His heart does care !!

He knows what you are
going through.

So don’t be grim.....

Yes run to Him !!

And He will safely see you
through !

Jayne Houghton