

W O R D A T W O R K

VOLUME XXXIX NUMBER I The Seven Mountains

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Scripture: James 1:2-4

Every once in a while concerning our nation, it is good to review where we have been as it will help us decide where we are going and how we want to get there. Although we all walk through various trials that test our patience, we know that there is growth and development in God's eternal purpose in our lives. 43 years ago in 1975 two major Christians on the national forefront, Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ and Loren Cunningham of Youth with a Mission came together to seek God for a strategy for changing the nation. As they prayed the Lord gave them what I believe was definitely a good strategy for a positive impact. The Seven Mountain Strategy was born out of their intercession and the focus of their implementation plan was that of evangelism. As we look at the seven mountains we have to ask ourselves, are these areas of society better off or worse off today than when these men of God formulated their strategy. And if the answer is that each area is worse today than it was back then, we have to seek God and ask what was missing in the implementation and what we must do to move things in the right direction. This is part of growth and development that we all go through and since the purpose is our growth into Christlikeness every once in a while we have to assess how well we are doing and how the harvest is going.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Scripture: James 1:5

Wisdom is something we all need and we know true wisdom comes from God. Did Bill Bright and Loren Cunningham hear from God? The witness of the Spirit is that they did. The first major mountain that they mentioned that had to be impacted was the church. We look at the church today and ask ourselves is the church better off today than it was back 43 years ago. 43 years ago no one was ordaining homosexual priests. We did not have the blatant apostasy that exists today! When people support abortion and think they are Christians, it is amazing! It seems that almost half the church is either apostate or headed in that direction. It is pretty obvious when it comes to church that it is much worse off today. Back then we didn't have the compromise of the grace message leading to the belief in universal salvation. The church has been assaulted and is much further from God now than it was 43 years ago. That is undeniable and any wise, mature believer that lived through this time span would have to agree. There is a lot of work to do just in the church.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Scripture: James 1:6-8

One of the great blessings of the last 40 years has been the faith message and we have learned what it takes to walk in faith and to live in faith and that has been an anchor of the soul for many. The second of the seven mountains is the family. Are families better off or worse off today than they were 43 years ago. 43 years ago the divorce rate in the church wasn't equal to what it was in the world. Today it is pretty obvious that when it comes to the family 43 years ago we didn't have children being adopted or fostered by homosexual couples. The family is much worse off today. As a matter of fact the definition of family is so changed that God wouldn't recognize it, and neither do most of us who have lived through these years and watched it deteriorate. Our families need a lot of help.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Scripture: James 1:9-11

The third area that we have to look at is the area of education. We have to ask ourselves concerning education, are we better off today than we were 43 years ago. Back then we didn't have teachers in kindergarten sending kids off to recess as a boy and coming back after recess wanting to be a girl. That was unthinkable, and yet our educational system is headed that way. That is not OK! It was unthinkable 43 years ago. How did God-haters and God-mockers progress so far in less than half a century to the point they rule education? That is the condition of the California schools. Education has always been an honorable endeavor but when educators refuse the pledge of allegiance, give students lower grades for writing or speaking common sense Godly-truth, support a transgender prom queen, and encourage gender-neutral bathrooms, those educators have become God-mockers and God-haters! Let God reward them accordingly!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Scripture: James 1:12

The fourth mountain is government. We must ask ourselves, is government in better shape now than it was 43 years ago? It was inconceivable 43 years ago that you would elect a president and his own party would do everything they could to get rid of him, because they are so compromised, perverse and vile. That is exactly what we have today. It is obvious that any believer who goes into government service has to endure tremendous temptation, and can they survive it? Who would have believed that one administration would weaponize the IRS, FBI, Justice Department and State Department against the people. We need God Himself has to move into government to restore it, because it is much worse now than it was 43 years ago!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Scripture: James 1:13-15,

The fifth major area of society is media. Is the media better off today than it was 43 years ago or is it worse. It was inconceivable 43 years ago that we would have a good percentage of the national media united in an attempt to destroy the president through manipulation, deceptions and even lies. And yet the news media is so perverse and so vile that that is exactly what we are presently witnessing. The term 'fake news' is now a phrase we hear frequently. Freedom of the press has become a license to destroy anyone who is Christian! It is mystifying to think that in a nation where freedom of the press has been prized that that freedom would be used to destroy anyone who stands up for Biblical values but we are witnessing it! The truth is that most of the media are behaving like organized crime. The full measure of the judgment of God is deserved because true integrity has been lost in much of journalism. For the most part it does not exist in the broadcast media any longer. The question is how did demonic doctrine replace integrity and honor? God gave a great strategy and so far we have lost every single mountain. The media wants to influence people and policy rather than report facts. Where is the love of the truth in this nation? Many news outlets can no longer be trusted at all. The news is now a vehicle for distortions and exploitation that veil facts and accuracy. How fitting is this verse from Isaiah 59:14. *"Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter."*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Scripture: James 1:19-20

James 1:19-20 is good advice when we are having to assess how bad things are in the nation. It says, *"Therefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God."* The judgment of God produces the righteousness of God. It is obvious from looking at 5 of the 7 mountains, judgment is the only thing that can save us. Number 6 is arts and entertainment. Are the arts and entertainment in our culture in better shape now than they were 43 years ago? 43 years ago we did not have anyone in the entertainment world consistently promoting perversion and filth. Today much of Hollywood and the entertainment industry are champions for God-haters and God-mockers. Many do everything they can to spread death thru culture and politics often spouting sheer foolishness and championing destructive opinions filled with darkness. John Wayne was the face of Hollywood in 1975. How far we have fallen!

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Scripture: James 1:21

James 1:21 is a great verse and it is good advice for all seven mountains. It says, *“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”* Finally we are looking at number seven of the seven mountains and that is business. Are businesses better off today than they were 43 years ago? Years ago the majority of the largest businesses in America supported Godly organizations like the Boy Scouts. Today many of our wealthiest businesses champion that which the Bible calls sin. Amazon is one of many examples, owning the Washington Post and assaulting truth daily with fake news designed to destroy a president. There is no fear of God in these businesses. There is something quite obvious when we look at the seven mountain strategy considering that it was a great strategy. Where is the problem? The problem has to be in the implementation. What did we not do that we could have done? What do we have to compare ourselves with? We have the New Testament. What did the early church do that we have not done that might have impacted these seven vital areas of society and culture? Is there a change that we can make? The question is, will we do it? That is a choice we are all faced with. What did Peter and Paul do that we have not done?

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Scripture: James 1:22, Matthew 5:38-39, Isaiah 26:9

Could it be as simple as being a doer of the Word and not a hearer only? Possibly it could. What happened in the last forty years that imperiled the nation and rendered the church passive and powerless. The answer to that is in Matthew 5:38-39. This passage says, *“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.’”* The biggest mistake that was made in the last leadership generation was that this principle of turning-the-other-cheek was applied as the full definition of the love of God. It was used out of context and inaccurately in order to turn the church into ineffective and powerless saints who consistently enable evil rather than restrain it. This has in effect immobilized the church and left it incapable of impacting society and culture. The reason that there is so much unsanctified mercy and that the church is so much nicer than God is because of the imbalanced, skewed teaching of Matthew 5:38-39. When this passage becomes the **full** definition of God’s love then the church becomes passive and impotent. Two great men of God outlined a potentially powerful Seven Mountain strategy but satan hijacked the implementation with a toothless people! The question is will the church recognize that unsanctified mercy is not God’s true mercy and does not lead others toward salvation and light. Isaiah 26:9 says, *“With my soul I have desired You in the night. Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.”* Once church leaders and saints alike balance out Scripture, the warriors will arise! Will we be doers of the Word and not hearers only? Jesus did not turn the other cheek to the moneychangers!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-39, James 4:5-7

In Matthew 5:38-39 Jesus taught, ‘Do not resist’ (**anth-his-tay-mee**). This means to reach up and lay hands on the opposition and jerk it out of position, so that one can achieve a purpose. In this verse, Jesus taught not to do that but the context in which He taught that is important. Understanding this will help us better grasp what has been forfeited. In Matthew 4:5-7, we have a perfect picture of what satan has done to the church. In this passage the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and then preached Him a message out of Psalm 91. The Lord told me He was going to reinterpret that for me and He said, ‘satan took Jesus to church and preached Him a message.’ And then He said, ‘That’s exactly what has happened in your generation. Satan took us to church and preached us a message and neutered the church into passivity! He did it with Matthew 5:38-39.’ Basically the Lord was saying, the church has been overwhelmed with passivity by turning the other cheek and not resisting evil. We have the fruit of it today. All seven mountains are in much worse shape today than they were 43 years ago. It is both sad and true but it does not have to continue. It can stop when we set the record straight and put Matthew 5:38-39 in context.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Scripture: Matthew 5 – 10

In Matthew chapters 5-10 we have the Sermon on the Mount. In these teachings Jesus was preparing the disciples for their ministry. Matthew 10:1-10 was where He first sent out the twelve. In first sending out the twelve He tells them not to go into the way of the Gentiles and do not enter a city of the Samaritans, but go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. This passage says, *“These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: ‘Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ‘But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ‘And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”* In this passage of Matthew they were being prepared to evangelize the Jewish nation and because they were going to covenant people they were told, do not resist an evil person. Their assignment was to sow seeds of salvation bringing the kindness of the Lord that leads people to repentance. It is primarily when the church is in the evangelistic mode sowing seeds of salvation to individuals that we overlook their evil. Once we move away from that evangelistic, personal arena of ministry, then we are free to restrain the evil with Spirit-initiated prayers of judgment! By teaching Matthew 5:38-39 as the full definition of the love of God we turn the entire church into Elms who did not restrain evil but were passive in the face of death and destruction and that is how all seven mountains slid further into peril. It is obvious where we missed it. The church today is nicer than their God!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Scripture: John 2:13-17

In John 2:13-17 at the very beginning of Jesus ministry He turned water into wine. Then we read that He went to the temple. What did He do when He saw the money-changers. He wove three cords into a whip. He makes His own weapon and He confronted and drove out the money changers. The way most leaders have taught the turn-the-other-cheek principle, we have made Jesus a violator of His Own Word. We have taught it erroneously and out of context. The truth is Satan took us to church and he preached us a message and he made us passive in the face of evil and the fruit of it has been the peril of a nation. That is obvious. What does it take for the church to begin to wake up and say we made a mistake? How about believing Scripture! How about balancing out the Word? Would that do it? It would certainly mark a needed change!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Scripture: James 4:6-7

James was a disciple of Christ. He was there and lived through the actual experience of the Sermon on the Mount. James walked with Jesus and would we ever have contradicted James? This is what James 4:6-7 says, *“But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: ‘God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil and He will flee from you.**”* Therefore, **(anth-his-tay-mee)** submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. James taught that we are to submit to God and then we resist Satan and he will flee from us. James taught the active resistance toward the enemy not turn-the-other-cheek. We are to take a stand against him. We are to reach up and grab him by the throat and pull him out of position, and then spoil his goods. Jesus taught that in Matthew 12. How is it that the disciples understood Jesus but we are a little slow to get it? Maybe we never took the time to follow **anth-his-tay-mee** all the way through the New Testament and reach for the balanced picture of what the Bible really teaches. If we had done that we would have saved ourselves losing seven mountains.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6-9

1 Peter 5:6-9 says, *“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him **(anth-his-tay-mee)**, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”* How is it that both James and Peter understood when we are face to face with evil we are to take a stand against it. We reach up and grab it by the throat and pull it out of its position, we stomp all over it and we go on to take everything it has. Is that how the church operates? Have we brought the judgment of God on the filthy, the perverse and the vile? Have we brought the judgment of God on our legislators who champion abortion and the murder of innocent children? Have we brought the judgment of God on all those politicians and jurists who actively

pursue changing the Bible definition of marriage? Where is the church? Is it nicer than God and hiding out? We have not prepared the church for this kind of battle and this kind of war. We have not prepared the church to bring the judgment of God on their heads and pray them into ruin and removal for those who refuse to turn. We haven't but we should have. It is obvious that Jesus prepared the early church for that, but today's leaders have not. Because we have not, there has been a decline in every area of the Seven Mountains.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Scripture: Matthew 12:28-30

Matthew 12:28-30 says, *"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder (**dia-har-paz-o**) his house. He who is not with Me is against Me and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."* Jesus taught the twelve and the seventy. We take authority over satan and then we take everything in his house. We take all of his goods. In other words we **anth-his-tay-mee**; we stand against him and we take everything he has. That is what Jesus did vanquishing foes in the heart of the earth. He rose up with the keys to death, hell and the grave and He gave that authority to us. In this passage Jesus was teaching that this is how we operate, this is how we function. We spoil the enemy with superior authority and power. Has this been taught to the church? Have we taught the church how to bring the judgment of God onto the unrepentant, the filthy, the perverse and the evil? No, we have not and as a result there is no fear of God in the church or in the nation and this has been a big-time loss. Jesus did not lose, He won! Why are we losing today? The answer—we are not fully representing Christ. We are only partially representing Christ. We have not taught the church to walk like the prophets and like the apostles. The apostles did not turn the other cheek and run. The apostles were not nicer than God. They embraced Christlikeness and stood up to the evil and brought the judgment of God upon those who practiced it.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Scripture: Acts 13:6-11

In Acts 13:6-11 we have the Apostle Paul and his coworker Barnabus who were just sent out from Antioch and were preaching in Cyprus and Salamis and they went to the island of Paphos. There they met a false prophet and that false prophet had completely tied up the proconsul, the government leader. The false prophet's name was Elymas. Elymas (**anth-his-tay-mee**) withstood Paul and Barnabus. How does Paul respond? Does he turn the other cheek? Does he walk away? Acts 13:9-10 says, *"Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, 'O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time. And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand."* When someone stood against Paul this tells us what Paul did. He did not turn the other cheek nor did he look the other way, but instead he moved the Hand of the Lord in judgment on that individual. What have we in the American church been doing in our dealings with evil people? We have turned the other cheek and walked the other way and as a result have lost battle after battle after battle to the point that we are putting our nation in jeopardy of declining into destruction. Until the fear of the Lord returns and the warriors of God arise, this nation is in peril. There is a new sheriff in town and a new opportunity to turn toward righteousness. What will the church do with our opportunity? Will the church rise to the occasion? Is it not time to bring the judgment of God to the table? Paul did and this was his first missionary trip. He is brand new to the missionary front. He doesn't act like it. He acts like he knows God. Church, do we know God? Do we know the God of Acts 13? Do we know the Jesus that Paul knew? No wonder the demons said, *"Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"* That the account in Acts 19 of the seven sons of Skiva attempting to deal with demons. Now there is quite a yardstick. *"Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are you."* God knows who we are and in this point in our Christian walk we should know well the same Jesus that Paul knew. Now isn't it time to act like it and stand up in it. The future harvest belongs to the church, those who know their God and have paid the price to walk with Him in righteousness and whose prayers He hears and whose Hand these saints move.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Scripture: Genesis 15:13-16

Now before we stand and pull a trigger on an evil politician we need to be sure we understand the principles that brought Paul into the place where he could move the Hand of God in judgment over those leaders walking in evil. The answer

to that question, OK God what causes us to understand what opens the door for that judicial trigger to be pulled. The Scripture that we started with today is Genesis 15:13-16. In this passage we first see this principle in Scripture. It is the number one judicial trigger throughout the Bible from the Old Testament to the New. It goes all way from Genesis to Revelation so we know it is a consistent principle and this is one of the markers that we need to look for. Genesis 15:13-16 says, *“Then He said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that you descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet **complete**.”* God said, afterward I will judge. After what? After fullness is reached, I judge. When fullness is reached the judicial Throne is open. When God indicates that we are at fullness of iniquity the judicial Throne is open! Needless to say in America today we are reaching fullness of iniquity. It started at 911 and it has gone progressively downhill since. Fortunately for us we have also reached fullness of intercession. As a result of fullness of intercession God intervened and has given us a new president and with this transition started a new prophetic pattern unfolding. Rest assured the nation is reaching the place of fullness of iniquity and that has opened the door for the judicial to come and impact the seven mountains. When you reach fullness of intercession, then you are at a point where mercy triumphs over judgment. In this place God gives us the judicial might to impact the seven mountains.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:20b

2 Chronicles 20:20b says, *“Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established. Believe His prophets and you shall prosper!”* In today and tomorrow’s readings I am quoting a prophetic word that was received September 30, 2017. It is from a prophet I trust in the land and it says, **“It is the season of wickedness. Everything is about to change. This is why the battle is so fierce. I am not mocked. I want my Body to see My justice and My vengeance. I am not leaving My Body as orphans on the earth. Evil is not going to continue to rule in every shape and form. Many who prospered greatly from their wickedness and evil are about to fall. To stand in the evil day you must draw your strength from Me. You must receive My wisdom and act on this wisdom. I do not bow to evil. Is My Body taking a beating? Yes, absolutely, but there are great rewards for suffering for righteousness. Cooperate with My judicial season and pray as I direct you. The average person cannot understand why there is so much evil. And why there is so little integrity and decency. It is because it is the fullness of evil. Now is the time for Me to move. Draw from Me strength and press in. It is not a free ride. The battle is real and to establish My Kingdom of righteousness on the earth will cost you all you have. Most Christians have never been taught to fight with the wisdom of My Spirit. To overcome great evil requires a great dedication requires a great dedication to My way, My truth and My life.”**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:20

The prophetic word continues: **“Christians think they can win by going to church on Sunday. They are deceived. This is an all-out war and the forces of evil are bent on destruction. To win you must have a will to win. You must press into all I Am and all I have for you. You must battle fatigue and misunderstanding and assaults on your body, your mind and your spirit. Outside of me you will be destroyed or deceived. People think they can collect the prize without fighting for it. Christians who refuse to fight in this war against evil will not be given a free pass. I do not give rewards without merit. I do not give honor that is not deserved. The measure of opposition you resist and overcome with My wisdom and My grace is the measure of the person you will become. Christianity is not a social club, it is an all out war. My people need to readjust their focus. How badly do you want to win? How committed are you to seeing My kingdom come and My will done on earth as it is in heaven? Champions pay a big price to be champions. This season of wickedness is designed to separate those who love Me enough to fight from those who are Christians only, who only want My rewards without paying My price.”**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Scripture: 1 Kings 16:29-34

In 1 Kings we see fullness of iniquity rising in Israel because of Ahab. We are told in the 38th year of Asa, king of Judah, that Ahab becomes king over Israel. Verse 30 says, *“Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him.”* That is quite a statement! In verse 32 it says, *“Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal,*

which he built in Samaria. And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him." In the next verse we see the judgment of God falling, so it is obvious that under Ahab's rule Israel came into fullness of iniquity. The important thing is to follow what transpires from the point that Israel reaches fullness of iniquity under Ahab to what transpires and what is God's response. Can we expect the same from God now? He has not changed!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1

Fullness of iniquity comes under Ahab and his wife Jezebel's rule. What is God's response? 1 Kings 17:1 says, "*Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, 'As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these three years, except at my word.'*" Here comes a prophet stopping the whole economy based on this judicial word. The heart of God is released through this judicial Word spoken by Elijah. In a final attempt at saving the nation from destruction God's judicial Throne opened to the prophet and he is released in an attempt to save the nation. Will people repent, will they turn? So here comes God using His love expressed through affliction giving an opportunity for repentance in order to turn the nation back to Him. God hasn't changed. He still operates the same way. What dimension of God's love did the Apostle Paul use in Acts 13? He used affliction on the false prophet. How well did affliction work? The proconsul believed when he saw the doctrine of the Lord. We have many people who do not believe today because they have not seen the doctrine of the Lord. Why haven't they seen the doctrine of the Lord? It is because those of us in ministry have not prepared the church to walk in the doctrine of the Lord. One consistent sign of fullness is losing the ability to protect ourselves. In America forty years of abortion with over 55 million babies dead has pulled the trigger. It has been pulled by the legalization of homosexual marriage. It has been activated by the Iran nuclear deal and taking a stand against Israel. America's abandonment of Israel in forging the Iran nuclear deal and giving Israel's number one enemy an open door to nuclear weapons is a big factor. To make Israel vulnerable by giving Iran \$150 billion to plot their demise is a judicial trigger that has indeed been pulled in America. This contributed to God's intervention in the American election a year ago. Are we going to give our nation over to nuclear destruction or are we going to move the Hand of God and save it? The whole purpose for judgment is to save. God anointed Elijah. No dew, no rain except at his word. Thank God for the anointing of the prophet! Is God anointing the church today. I hear Him say He is! Where are today's warriors who do not fear or hesitate to move forward in this dimension of salvation? Pray judgment on the perpetrators to save America! It is time to pray Psalm 94:23 on God's enemies "*He has brought on them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own wickedness; The Lord our God shall cut them off.*"

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:2-24

Elijah was hidden for three and a half years. His prayers sustained the widow at Zaphath and her jar of oil did not run dry. While the judgment is going on God is sustaining His righteous people. There is another lady that Elijah knows and she has provided him a place to stay, and her son dies. Elijah prayed for this son and brings him back to life. So during the time of the devastation of the three and a half years God is provided for His people. Are we trusting God to be our provision in this season? We better be!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:1-2

1 Kings 18:1-2 says, "*And it came to pass after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, 'Go present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth.'* So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab and there was a severe famine ion Samaria." When we learn about God's judicial anointing, we understand that fullness of iniquity opens God's Throne to hear and implement judgment! God releases judgment to arrest evil! He brings judgment for the purpose of saving. Ahab and Jezebel ruled the land using false prophets. God was willing to destroy the prophets of Baal. Isn't it better to lose a few hundred false prophets of Baal in order to save a nation of three million? Isn't it better that the perpetrators die so that the multitude can be saved! This is God's economy and this is His righteousness to bring judgment on the wicked for the opportunity to turn people toward Him. So God's door opened and He said, 'go' to Elijah. It is time for the confrontation to begin, the confrontation to save. It is time to stand before Ahab. We need to get ready for that. That is part of this package. If we are going to walk this out, we have to be prepared and we have to gear up. We have to start thinking straight

and to pray accordingly because the judgment of God is designed to save. That is the key element in the whole process. How many Supreme Court justices need to be removed for America to be saved—five have consistently voted for issues that Scripture says are worthy of death. May God have mercy on America and cut them off and out of their public office!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:7-10

It is interesting in this process when judgment unfolds, to watch the choices people make. Obadiah was met by Elijah and was told to convey a message to King Ahab. He instructed Obadiah to tell Ahab that he was ready to meet with him. Obadiah wanted no part of it. He wanted nothing to do with Elijah. It was amazing that once Elijah started moving in the judicial power of God a number of people were no longer his friends. Are we prepared to lose friends for the purpose of God's call and for the purpose of participating in turning the nation back to God? Jesus addressed this issue of loss in Matthew 10. If we do not 'hate' mother and fathers and even our own life as well we are not worthy to be His disciple. Let us understand the price up front. Is this a costly anointing? We had better believe it is a costly anointing and it gets applied over and over again to our life. Don't expect to have a whole lot of friends if we are going to walk in the judicial anointing of Christ. Did God call us to save a nation or to build a Facebook family of friends. What did He call us to do? Which do we want? Do we want to participate in saving a nation or do we want a Facebook family of friends? We more than likely cannot have both. Get over it now! Speaking truth is offensive especially to those intent on criminalizing Christianity!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:17-19

Not only are we probably going to lose friends but here is what we can expect in the process. ! Kings 18:17-19 says, *"Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, 'Is that you, O troubler of Israel?' And he answered, 'I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals. Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."* People hate us, politicians don't like us. In this judicial realm we have to prepare for great risk. If we are going to walk in God's judicial authority, it is costly. It is going to cost us friends, and probably our resources as well. Do not expect to be popular. To move this way with God requires laying our lives down. That is the bottom line. Just like Jesus said, are we willing to lay our life down? We cannot walk in this anointing if we are not. This is the price and we have to choose to say yes and lay our lives down to walk with God. Will we pay the price to hear Him and will we pay the price to obey? And will we pay the price to move His Hand? This is a process and it takes time. It may very well take decades. Elijah did not get there over night and we are not going to get there overnight either. We may need to spend our lives building an intimate walk with God for the purpose of moving His Hand against evil judges and politicians to save cities and nations.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:25-30, 36-38

1 Kings 18:26-27 says, *"So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon saying, 'O Baal, hear us!' But there was no voice, no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, 'Cry aloud, for he is a God, either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.'" What an intense confrontation with the prophets of Baal! We need to have an intimate relationship with the Lord full of confidence in His voice and His ways to enter a 'war' like this. We have to know that we hear God if we are going to pray judicial prayers victoriously. We have to hear His voice and then be completely willing to step out and do as He directs. 1 Kings 18:36-37 says, *"And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, 'Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."* It is obvious that the judicial anointing comes to save. What we are after is asking God for the minimum amount of judgment for the greatest amount of salvation. If that is our primary motivation then He will keep us safe.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:39-40

Just as much as we want the nation saved we have to be willing to do our part to turn hearts to the Lord. That is what we see in 1 Kings 18: 39-40 which says, *“Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, ‘The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God! And Elijah said to them, ‘Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!’ So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.”* In this passage there are 850 false prophets all dead. If we cannot pray for perpetrators to be cut off, we cannot fully participate in saving the nation. If we cannot deal with and effectively resist the enemy and change the downhill path to wickedness, then we are nicer than God. Are we going to pray death and destruction on the perpetrators? Are we doing to ask God to either turn them or cut them off or remove them or let death seize them and take them into hell where they belong? Can we really pray that? We have to have the right heart to do this and we have to know we are hearing the Lord. The ‘kindness’ of passivity prolongs and encourages the slide into evil. So what are we going to do? What is it going to be? Didn’t Jesus say that *“broad is the way that leads to destruction.”* Will we choose the narrow way? It is not an easy way, but it is salvation’s way!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Scripture: Exodus 34:5-7, 1 Kings 18:39-40

Exodus 34:5-7 says, *“Then the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”* In order to open the potential way to salvation of the three million, Elijah has to execute the 850. There is no way out of that. To confront evil in this particular case required it. That is what it would take. When we walk with the judicial Christ this is the price. The Lord tells us what it is going to be. We do not dream it up and we do not think it up. We wait on God for it. That is the process. God is the Lord of the unfolding of events toward salvation. That is fully His part. Elijah had to walk it and so do the warriors today!

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-8

Don’t think there is not a price to walking out the judicial. Elijah walked in it. As soon as he executed the prophets of Baal, Jezebel declared, ‘You are as dead as they are.’ Elijah ran and he ran and then slept from exhaustion. An angel awakened him twice and he ate and then away he went. He ended up at Mount Horeb the mountain of God. One would think that as soon as the confrontation with the false prophets of Baal was victoriously complete that he was ready for anything, but he wasn’t ready for Jezebel. This was a severe war. It was very pricey! This cost Elijah his ministry. In many ways he had to be willing to lay his life down for his nation because shortly God was taking him home. His earthly journey would be over. Talk about a price! Moses paid a price like that. Many people do. Are we willing to pay this price? We know an intercessor/prophetess named Esther whose assignment is in DC. She has faithfully walked the geography of our nation’s capital fighting personal weariness, major health issues, and financial needs and has done so for 40 plus faithful years praying for America’s return to our Godly roots in America. May all God’s willing warriors arise and prepare!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:9-14

What is Elijah doing here? Elijah was brooding that he was the only righteous one left and moaning about his plight! How does God treat our excuses? 1 Kings 19:9- says, *“And there he went into a cave and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ So he said, ‘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.”* Elijah then discovered that he was not the only one left. Elijah had no idea once he started this process how it would end. When we give ourselves to the Lord to walk out His assignment in the judicial, most of us have no idea how it is going to unfold. Can we be okay with that? When we see the pain and adversity involved through studying other warriors in the Bible, are we willing to walk that process out? Isn’t this

amazing! What a price to turn a nation back to God! It cost Elijah everything! And it may well cost us everything! We need to be ready for that!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

1 Kings 19:15-18

Look at what God told Elijah. What happens when fullness of iniquity comes to a nation? Ahab and Jezebel brought fullness of iniquity to Israel. This passage says, *“Then the Lord said to him: ‘Go return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazeal 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. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazeal, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.’”* What do we learn? When fullness of iniquity comes to a nation God starts passing out the anointing to remove. His strategy is to bring His anointed people to take action in prayer and obedience to remove the evildoers. He looks for people He can anoint who will stand for the removal of the perpetrators. Is God looking for us? What kind of heart do we have? Are we willing to lay our lives down for our nation and for future generations? The anointing to remove is available. Will we embrace it and move into it for the saving of our nation? 1 Kings 19:18 says, *“Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”* God has a remnant and that remnant is in His church. It is His plan to recruit warriors whom He can anoint to save this nation. Is He looking for you? I believe He is! Has He found you? I trust He has. This is our greatest season of salvation through those who are willing to pay the price to move His Hand to save. May God arise and His enemies be scattered!

Prophetic and powerful

Yes, pure and profound,

Are the remnant of warriors

Who will trumpet God’s sound!

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