

## #130 THE DREAM.....

*I see lions hunting many people on the nearby shore.*

*The scene changes and I am a servant in the large house of a wealthy family. The owner has a wife and several children who are roaming all about the house as he sits at a great dining table covered with food. He is eating quietly, unaware and unconcerned of the whereabouts of his wife and children. Then I find myself standing at the door of this dining room with its large table. My heart begins to beat so hard that I can hear its pounding above all else. I seem to discern that the lions are in the house, and even know the paths they will take. They are coming to devour this man and his family. I warn the man to take refuge in a safe place. With serious and true concern I urge him and his family to quickly take action to save their lives. They all seem to ignore me and purposely pretend not to hear what I am saying nor to heed my warnings. The lions are fast approaching, and I am able to do nothing for they will not listen to me. I know what will soon happen, and my heart beats violently in fear for them.*

My friends, I understood as I awakened that the dream concerned America---a “house” rich in materialism and abundance of God’s past blessings, and privileged in availability of God’s Word and opportunities for service.

America’s so-called Christian church has been and is presently very worldly, carnal and lukewarm in heart. Not only has our country refused to yield to God, but those who profess to know Him have failed to submit to His lordship. Instead this church has compromised and mixed so well in the world’s systems that it is no longer a lighthouse. America and the American church as a whole are given over to pleasure, self-seeking and godless avenues that are leading to judgment from God.

The church has so adulterized itself with the world’s systems that it appears no different from the world, yet still professes God as its Lord and gives Him much vain lip-service---having a form of godliness and power with no real life from the Lord. Every kind of vice and pleasure-seeking is not only indulged but even encouraged and justified. The lukewarm church is blind and thinks all is well and will be well for all. Christ has no part in this church---He is on the outside knocking for entrance into its deceived heart.

We may indeed have entered a time like Amos the prophet foretold.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it" (Amos 8:11-12 KJV).

Yes, millions are very busy running from meeting to meeting hoping to hear a word from God, yet, sad to say, will not find it. Oh! There is an abundance of teaching and preaching from the pulpits and airwaves. Few, however, are hearing the words of the Bible and putting them to practical application. Many will starve spiritually not from lack of Bibles or words from God, but from lack of submitting to the Lord of the Bible.

America’s children (its people) are busy about their pleasures, and close their ears and eyes to any interference. Thus the devourer Satan and his legions have taken over their minds and hearts and are destroying them in sin. I must warn, as others called by the Lord must warn and admonish, for if

these people do not turn to Christ and act righteously before Him they will die in their sin and this nation itself will come to nought.

At the end of five months of praying daily for the nation and its fifty states, the Lord gave me a charge or mission. I was informed by Him that

I was to travel to each state capital (and the U.S. capital) and pray in their governmental buildings where possible. Though most of my intercession had been completed, I still was to go in person and pray some short simple prayers. I was given a time period of two years to finish the mission which was to be completed before the 1988 presidential election. During these years much warfare and opposition came in the spirit realm, yet by God's grace and provision I was able to complete my charge as instructed.

On separate occasions I was joined by two Christian friends for my visits to thirty of the fifty-one capitals. Thus I had good fellowship and encouragement, not only the blessing of their presence but their financial blessing also as they were led to cover the necessary costs of food, gasoline and lodging. Other Christian friends were led to provide me with the free use of their telephone long-distance charge cards and monies for vehicle repairs, lodging and airline tickets to Hawaii and Alaska.

The reason for mentioning the above is to show the Lord's faithfulness in providing for my needs that I might accomplish my charge at that time. None of us are islands unto ourselves in the body of Christ. We all minister and are ministered unto, each fulfilling our own callings. Thus we all will share in the rewards of the ministries we encourage and help.

My main prayer and intercession could be summed up in these two requests: First, I was to pray that God would extend time to America, and thus hold off judgment for another period of time. Second, I was to pray constantly that God would stir up His mature and spiritual saints to intercede for their states and nation. My friends, only these have God's ear and can wage effective spiritual warfare against Satan's kingdom. Only mature believers can stand in the gap to plead and move God's hand on earth. When the church travails, spiritual birthings take place and the Lord is moved to call into being what He has planned and purposed. God delights in mercy and would avoid judgment when persons or nations turn from their evil ways unto Him.

The babe in Christ is precious to God, yet he can not wage strong spiritual warfare in these deeper matters. Those who are able to move the spirit realm have the spiritual discernment, knowledge and wisdom necessary to engage in battle. My friends, one spiritual Christian that knows God's will and moves in prayer and intercession is worth thousands of babes as far as effective warfare. The babe will maintain his or her standing before the Lord, but they are not trained and matured to move deeper and do battle with spiritual foes in high places. It is the princes of darkness that hold power over states and peoples and nations that must first be dealt with in the spiritual realm. The prophet Daniel understood this well.

Regardless of God's predictions of judgment, He can delay if people or nations will change their hearts and minds and turn from their sins to Christ. God has stated that, if at any time He purposed judgment for a nation and they changed their course, He would repent of that design. He also stated that, if He had purposed good for a people or nation and they began to do evil, He would repent of the good He had intended to do them. God does not change! A man or nation simply gets off one path that leads to good or evil and proceeds to another path which has its appointed end.