KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

Mark: 1:35 & Matt: 11: 11-12

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The Achilles' Heel Factor

In this issue of the Kingdom Advancing Prayer Letter permit me the grace to use some Greek Mythology to portray a necessary truth as we continue to pray into the purpose of the Lord.

In Greek Mythology, we read the story about a warrior called Achilles, which goes like this: When Achilles was born, his mother, believing that he was half god (from Thetis) and half mortal (from Peleus), wished to make him immortal. When he was young she dipped him in the waters of the infernal river Styx, found in the Underworld. Holding the child by its heel when putting it in the water, she made Achilles' whole body except the heel immortal. Thus he became invulnerable, save for the spot on his heel where she held him.

As the story goes, there was a Trojan war and Achilles went to war and was killed by the Trojan prince Paris, Helen's kidnapper, who, with Aphrodite's help, shot an arrow into his only weak spot: his heel.

As Born-Again Believers we must understand that we are involved in a war. This war is being waged on several fronts, and we need to always be on guard and to be aware of the devices of our enemy the devil. One of the areas that we need to be very mindful of is of being "over confident" in our standing in the plan and purpose of the Lord. If the enemy can cause us to become "over confident", [Hebrews 10:35] then we would step into realms and battles that we are not graced for. We would also run the risk of running ahead of God, missing His perfect timing and hence being defeated.

The apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 gives us a powerful example of areas that we need to be careful to guard lest we are destroyed.

"Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come." 1 Corinthians 10:1-11

Paul then puts his whole admonition into perspective in verse 12:

"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." NKJV

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" NIV

For those of us who drive, there is something called "a blind spot" – that is the area in your rear-view and wing or side mirror that you cannot see. One's inability to see in that "blind spot" has been the cause of serious, and sometimes fatal, accidents. Hence, due care and attention must be given in that area, especially when we have to change lanes or direction.

In like manner, in our journey of life we also have a responsibility to keep alert at all times. We should not be passive in the driving force that leads us through life. When God gives us direction, we must not lose our focus on Him, or be led astray by Satan, who attempts to sneak into our blind spot. A collision with him could mean a total change in our direction, with devastating consequences.

So as we continue in our faith-filled, victorious Kingdom Advancing Prayer, let us be mindful to check/protect our blind spots or any known area of weakness that the enemy could exploit.

Special Report

In our last letter mention was made of a meeting that Elder Michael and Br. Sehon had with Pastor Kumar of India. Several things came out of that meeting, some of which we would like to share with you. Pastor Kumar's ministry is located in New Delhi and they have planted about thirty-eight other congregations in New Delhi and several other cities. He is about to start a ministry training centre for leaders in early November and wants us to assist with teaching. He is also seeking assistance with things such as books, praise and worship music and teaching on the present move of God [apostolic reformation]. While we do not sense that the timing is accurate for our entry into India, we are committed to sending building materials for him. If you would like to partake in this, you can by making a financial contribution to us, which will be used to assist in the purchase of books, music and the reproduction of teaching cassettes. This can be done through one of the following ways:

- Mailing a cheque to us at Dominion-Life International, Box 44592 Garden Park, Vancouver, B.C V5M 4R8, Canada
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Let us remain focused and committed to the task the Lord has assigned to us to. Blessings and Prosperity!