

KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

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

From the desk of Elder Michael Scantlebury

Understanding And Moving In The Winds Of God

As we seek to advance the Kingdom of God in the earth, we must understand that there is a dimension to which the Kingdom must first be advanced in us! To the degree that the Kingdom is advanced in us, it is to that degree the Lord can use us to advance His Kingdom in the earth. The Apostle Paul declared it this way in the following passage of scripture:

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and ***being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.***” 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 NKJV

The Word of God declares: “the knowledge of the glory of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea” In order for this to happen, that glory must first be revealed in us, the Church, the Believer. However, we all know that for this to be accomplished, the Holy Spirit must be in full control as He regulates and shapes our lives according to the pre-determined pattern of the Lord.

It all began at the new birth and is still in process. Remember when Nicodemus came to Jesus by night inquiring about salvation and Jesus told him that in order for him to enter the Kingdom he MUST be born of water and of the Spirit and He also revealed to him that the Spirit was like a wind that blew where it wanted?

This is very interesting because the Holy Spirit is indeed like a wind. As a matter of fact, when He arrived in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost, the Bible declares that He came as a mighty, rushing wind. There is also another very interesting account in the book of Ezekiel as the prophet stood over the valley of dry bones and the Lord instructed him to cause the bones to live:

“So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, "***Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."***” “So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.” Ezekiel 37:7-10

The point I am making is that we need to submit to all the dimensions of the Holy Spirit for us to live. We need all four winds of God to cause us to bring life to a dying creation. In the book of Romans, chapter eight, the Apostle Paul admonishes us to walk by the Holy Spirit. He encouraged, or even commanded, us to allow the Holy Spirit to have His way in us. He said if we allow all the dimensions of the Lord to work in our lives, even though at times it may seem hard, we would enter into a dimension of glory unequalled and then he declared:

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” Romans 8:18-21

The Bible speaks about different kinds of winds and it would do well for us to explore them, so that we can cooperate with the Lord when they come upon us. They are the North, South, East and West Winds and they all have different principles and functions. For example:

The North wind was the coldest of the four and it blew down from Mt. Carmel. It had the ability to kill everything in its path except the evergreen tree (which speaks to us of Christ). There are times when the Lord will allow this wind to blow in our lives in order for Him to kill the things that will kill us and He allows only that which is Christ-like to remain.

The South wind at times was a soft, comforting wind (Acts 27:13) that brought refreshing, and there are times when we need that in our lives, especially after strong battles.

The East wind was known for its dry, arid nature and it blew in from the wilderness. The Lord will use this wind at times to destroy our comfort zone, as this is what the wilderness was designed to do. Our comfort zone often times stand, between us and our destiny. In Acts 27:14 we read of a wind called Euroclydon (translated east wind) that stirred up the waves and caused a tempest! Not every time there is a tempestuous situation in our lives we should blame it on the devil, as there are times when the Lord will allow this.

The West wind was the wind that brought the “Showers of Blessings”. As a matter of fact, the Arabs in Palestine referred to them as “The Father of Rains”. And oh how we all enjoy those times when the Lord would just bless us “press down, shaken together and running over.”!

As we continue our press in the purpose of the Lord; as He forms a great and mighty army, we need to understand that we need all four dimensions or operations of the Holy Spirit if we are to be the army that the Lord intends us to be.

Remember, right there in the Upper Room on that eventful Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit blew in as a mighty, rushing wind bringing all four dimensions with Him. The early Church experienced all four dimensions and they grew into a formidable, mighty army that turned the then world “right side up”. I declare to you that it is no different with us today as we submit to the “Fresh Infilling” of the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to make us into a mighty army of the Lord.

Saints of Dominion-Life International as we move forward allow the “Winds of Change”; the “Winds of God” to continuing blowing in our lives so that we can do everything He has purposed!

AREAS OF FOCUS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let us rejoice with Pastor Daniel Farina and his family as the Lord continues to show Himself strong on their behalf. • Pastor Edward Chu’s sister has been given two months to live as cancer has spread throughout her body. He is going to pray for her in Victoria next week. Let us petition heaven on her behalf. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Elder Michael Scantlebury, his family and ministry leaders as they continue building DLI. We believe the Lord for a mighty release of His healing anointing to sweep through our ministry. The Lord has declared that it will happen and we are standing by faith upon His word. We have several situations arising that need the Hand of God! Our God is a |
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She is not born again; let us also intercede for this.

Mighty Healer!

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