

Impressions of the 11th July 2010

The prodigal Church. The Lord said, "All that is upon you is to prepare you for what is coming but My Church is not prepared. Do not lose heart but pray. The Church is not expecting what is coming! I have a rebellious son who shows no remorse even though he has prostituted himself with the world. My Church would not turn round unless suffering, fear and anguish would come upon her because they are stubborn and hard hearted. Without this they would be lost but for My Names sake I will turn them. Warn My people so on that day they will repent from their greed, following preachers who preach gain instead of godliness and for their false religion."

God's heart grieves over His son. Sin has a consequence and **this is the day of consequence**. God said, "Without troubles My son will not turn." Jerusalem will be surrounded by dangerous and complex forces, there will be wars on the back of man's intolerance to each other, tsunamis will come, monetary disasters - there will be a 'shift' - a climate shift - a health shift. And God says it will be for His Names sake so His people will repent. And even this is a milder form of His judgement which is coming upon the world after the Church is taken out of this world.

Luke 21:34 - *"Take heed for yourself, that your hearts may not be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of the earth. But keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape (not from but through) all these things that are about to take place and to stand before the Son of Man."*

Psalm 32 - *"Pray whilst the Lord may be found."*

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It is quite unusual to have such an absolute certainty of 'impending events', along with such a strong awareness of this current and very evident 'time and season'; yet we have no sense of how close these things will be. All who are diligently seeking the Lord get this same sense of imminent judgement and tribulation followed by a soon coming revival of the true Church under the Headship of Jesus. We can see that this process has already started in a measure and yet there is a much more escalated version of what we have seen and that these more serious events are right 'at the door'. One wonders what 'at the door' means to the Lord when a day is as a thousand years! Whatever the timing of all this, God knows how to keep His people and we will be kept if we are repentant, humble and obedient.

I am increasingly aware of the vital need of being able to hear the Lord throughout this time. How can we choose obedience if we cannot hear what we ought to do? How can we be 'Spirit lead' if we can't hear the Spirit? The Revelation emphasizes "let him that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches" and we can now understand why. Without 'hearing' there can be no 'obedience' or 'faith' and it is the 'disobedient' that will be judged. We also know that if we do not humble ourselves and repent and seek Him with all of our heart then we won't 'hear'.

We can see a clear cycle of events that need to happen in the Church before it will be ready for this current time.

1. Humbling ourselves and truly repenting allows us to seek Him and approach Him with a clean heart.
2. If we 'seek Him' with a clean heart we will therefore 'find Him' and "He will meet with us and speak with us there" according to His promise.
3. Only when He has spoken to us and we 'hear' Him, do we have the real opportunity of choosing obedience and faith.
4. Obedience will be our escape and disobedience will be our judgement.
5. The just will live by faith (that comes by hearing) and not by sight.

This is the order - **humbling ourselves, repentance, seeking, hearing, and obeying by faith.**

If we miss one step out we will not escape what will come upon the earth. The Church needs to hear this message urgently before it is too late, and critically, they need to be encouraged to start at this first step right now as time is short. If we follow these steps in simple trust and faith, then what will ensue will not be of any human endeavor or of any might or power but "by My Spirit" says the Lord. The Lord will do a mighty and wondrous work – it will not be by our efforts but we have an integral part. He will do it all as we walk by faith in Him.

It truly is an awesome time in history and progressively much more so in the days ahead

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