

Establishing Night and Day Prayer

Luke 18:1-8

- 1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,
- 2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.
- 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'
- 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,
- 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "
- 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.
- 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?
- 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

What is the principle? **men always ought to pray and not lose heart**

Why do men lose heart?

- Rising evil, but no apparent notice from heaven
- God's timing is not our timing
- We pray and see no results to our prayers
- We do not see the eternal value of a life of prayer
- We see injustice and no apparent justice
- We focus on our problems... not on God
- We believe more in the power of satan than trust in the power of God

A fainting spirit is on the Church---but it will be LIFTED by GRACE

Why did Jesus give the parable? **So men would not lose heart.... prayer would be a reasonable pursuit, a lifestyle of devotion and prayer would seem reasonable**

Three People in the Dynamic of Intercessory Prayer

A judge:

Someone who has power and authority to effect change
An ultimate authority whose WORDS carry weight and power
A person whose decisions are BINDING
Someone who can condemn or pardon—who can avenge
Someone who may or may not **fear God or regard man**

NT:2923 **krites** (kree-tace'); from NT:2919; a judge (genitive case or specially): KJV - judge.

NT:2919 **krino** (kree'-no); properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish: KJV - avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

A widow in that city

Someone who is weak, poor, and powerless to effect change
Her sphere or scope was "in that city"
Someone who is lacking, who is deficient, who is in need
One that has a "chasm" or "vacancy" or "emptiness"
Someone **without a husband**

NT:5503 **chera** (khay'-rah); feminine of a presumed derivative apparently **from the base of NT:5490** through the idea of deficiency; a widow (as lacking a husband), literally or figuratively: KJV - widow.

NT:5490 **chasma** (khas'-mah); from a form of an obsolete prim chao (to "gape" or "yawn"); a "chasm" or vacancy (impassable interval): KJV - **gulf**.

An adversary

Someone who has great vengeance AGAINST you
Someone who is unjust, unfair to you
We have an adversary- thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy

NT:476 **antidikos** (an-tid'-ee-kos); from NT:473 and NT:1349; an opponent (in a lawsuit); specially, Satan (as the arch-enemy):

Luke 12:57

- 57 "Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?
58 When you go with your **adversary** to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.
59 I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

1 Peter 5:8-11

- 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary** the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.
10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.
11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 12:33-34

- 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where **no thief approaches** nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

John 10:10-11

- 10 The **thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy**. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

A judge that does not fear God nor regard man

This is the definition of life under the sun....

- We live in an unjust, evil world
- We KNOW a GOOD and JUST God

Get justice for me from my adversary

This is the heart of intercessory prayer...

We are here so that JUSTICE may be established on EARTH

It is the asking and seeking for the KINGDOM of God to COME

It is the establishment of the Kingdom of God in our CIRCUMSTANCES on earth

It is asking for ON earth as it is in HEAVEN

And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'

This judge was NOT just

This judge did NOT care

This judge had NO EMOTIONS toward the widow

This judge could not identify with her plight

This judge was not concerned about EQUITY, LOVE, MERCY, or JUSTICE

This judge had no concept of human suffering

This judge did answer, EVENTUALLY

This judge did indeed AVENGE the widow AGAINST her ADVERSARY

Hear what the UNJUST judge said

The picture of the UNJUST judge is OPPOSITE of the JUST judge

Use this as an illustration of HOW not to pray

Use this as an illustration of your earthly situation

Let the UNJUSTNESS of this judge speak to you about the JUST Judge

And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him,

What is different about us and the three in this parable?

The "requestor" is NOT a WIDOW – we HAVE a HUSBAND

The "requestor" is still in NEED of JUSTICE

The "requestor" has not CHASM in terms of their relationship with the Judge

The "requestor" is tied by LOVE to the Judge and the Judge's Son

The "requestor" is the daughter-in-law of the Judge

The "requestor" is still "empty" and "poor" from an earthly sense... she has not received her inheritance FULLY

The ELECT are CHOSEN—children, sons, bride

The Judge IS just

The Judge DOES care

The Judge DOES have emotions toward us
The Judge DOES identify with the plight of the asker
The Judge HAS a concept of human suffering
The Judge HAS concern for EQUITY, LOVE, MERCY, and JUSTICE
This Judge WILL INDEED AVENGE the requestor against her adversary
This Judge HAS burning desire for His Own family... His Own bride

What is the requirement for the JUDGE to Avenge?

His own ELECT will cry out DAY and NIGHT

There is a DIFFERENT dynamic at work than *just* a JUDGE being wearied by our constant requests....

Though He bears long with them...

God will indeed at time bear long with us...
It will APPEAR as though God is like the UNJUST judge at times
It will APPEAR as though God does not hear us or will not AVENGE us
It will APPEAR as though God may not be concerned at times
It will APPEAR as though no one is up in heaven
It will APPEAR at times that we are left by ourselves
It will APPEAR that God waits way too long to intervene
It will APPEAR that God is not concerned about JUSTICE or MERCY

I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.

Jesus tells us: IF His ELECT cry out NIGHT and DAY, the JUST JUDGE will AVENGE them speedily
Speedy JUSTICE: this should be the #1 intercessory cry for our cities, our families, our friends, our circle of influence
Speedy? 1 Generation? 5 years? 10 years? 20 years? 40 years? It's all relative...
Regardless: IT WILL COME: JUSTICE WILL COME

The Principle: God *does* release justice in response to prayer, especially prayer that is short of night and day. If we would see **FULL RELEASE of JUSTICE** [revival, an open heaven, the realm of the Spirit fully unveiled, the KINGDOM COME in FULL POWER, gifts of the Spirit at the highest level, the FULL presence and manifestation of God in His glory], however, then there must be CRYING OUT NIGHT and DAY by His ELECT.

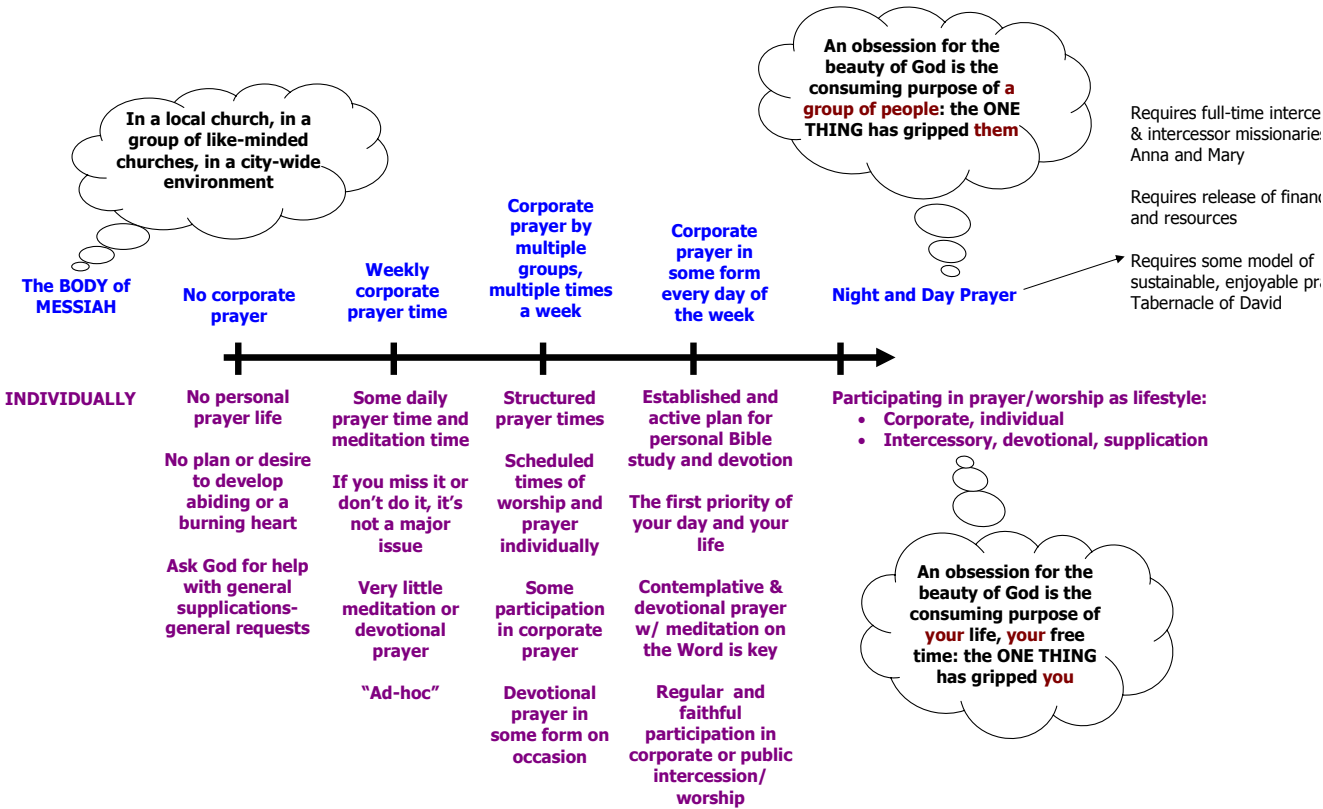
Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Will Jesus find people who are still believing God is GOOD even though the ENTIRE world has turned evil?
Will Jesus find elect on the earth who will give themselves to crying out day and night, even in the midst of the most intense pressure ever known to humanity?

Will Jesus find faith in the heart of His people—that God will AVENGE them—that God is JUST—that there is NO SPOT in the judgments of God

- This is a call to the end times church- the last generation
- This is a call to PERSEVERANCE in the midst of rising evil on planet earth
- This is a call to NOT GROW WEARY in prayer
- This is a call to REMAIN STEADFAST until the Son of Man comes
- This is a call to get from Point A to Point B

How do we get from Point A [no prayer life] to Point B [night and day prayer]?



Where are you/we at on this spectrum?

- It's not meant to condemn us
- It's meant to stir us
- It's meant to cause us to evaluate our lives and our purpose on earth
- It's meant to move our hearts to want MORE
- It's meant to move us to ASK God for GRACE

It is FASCINATION with God that is the key!

We cannot live a lifestyle prayer, fasting, and worship UNTIL our hearts connect with God's emotions and God's beauty. It is more than just doing daily Bible study.

Isaiah 62:1-9

1 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.

2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name.

3 You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.

4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.

6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,

7 And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored.

9 But those who have gathered it shall eat it, And praise the LORD; Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts."

Isaiah 62:10-12

10 O Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples!

11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.'"

12 And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Psalms 84:1-2

1 How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Isaiah 52:4-10

4 For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here," says the LORD, "That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them Make them wail," says the LORD, "And My name is blasphemed continually every day.

6 Therefore My people shall know My name; Therefore they shall know in that day That I am He who speaks: 'Behold, it is I.'"

7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

8 Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

PEARL HARBOR: "There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer"

What was this about?

- Doolittle raid on Tokyo... it was a ONE WAY mission
- The men were likely to lose their lives
- *"We may lose the battle, but we will win this war... do you know how I know?"*
- They were about to try something never attempted... if they fell short on takeoff, they would crash into the ocean
- They were going to fly into enemy territory... they would drop bombs that were barely big enough to scratch the enemy
- They all did this voluntarily.. of their own free will.. they did not love their lives to death
- There was something in their heart that moved them to be this way—whatever it was, it caused them to look death in the eye and say "This seems reasonable"
- It was a show of defiance: "We will not give up"
- "I was a proud man—but I was humbled. The good Lord put me in this chair for times like these...when I see defeat on the face on my countryman... Don't tell me it's impossible"
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God WILL produce an equally yoked bride for His Son:

- IN humility
- IN meekness
- IN power
- IN holiness
- IN passion
- IN love

HOW? That is the end times saga, just RIGHT around the CORNER

We are about to be launched over a SEA... there is only ONE destination... there is no coming back... we either MAKE it or we die in the SEA... overcome...

"Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge"

Eagle and Fledglings Quote-- For life "under the sun", this is what men believe and accept: our knowledge can get us by, our wisdom will save us, our intellect can bring about change--
- unfortunately, these things do NOTHING to change the heart of man and therefore nothing to really truly elevate the dignity of mankind. Our intellectual advancements have made life better in some ways, but also introduced more capacity for men to express evil on the earth as well. This premise is HOGWASH... especially for those of us who believe. It's true from an earthly perspective, but we as the people of God know better- we know it is missing something.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

- 23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;
- 24 **But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me**, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

"Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge of GOD"

There is sea of tumult—John saw it—humanity in all its instability and foaming hatred and ignorance. Out of this sea will arise unprecedented evil that will culminate in the Man of Sin.

We are called to "FLY ABOVE" this sea, inflict damage on the enemy's kingdom – in ways that will seem "trivial" but will have HUGE impacts in the spirit realm—and we will arrive victorious on the "other" side. We MAY and very likely WILL lose our lives in the process--- there is no guarantee of not being "touched" by the pressures in some way.. but we will have GRACE and DIVINE PROTECTION

At the last minute, they had to launch earlier than anticipated... NOW or NEVER... it came upon them UNEXPECTEDLY.. however, they had been trained, and their training worked

What did they have to do to take off from the carrier? They started throwing out EVERYTHING that was not essential... even "GUNS"... their own mechanisms of self defense.. they had to forego them in order to take off and sustain flight over the sea. We must rid ourselves NOW of everything that will weigh us down... get RADICAL with letting go of things... spiritually violent

They had to load EXTRA FUEL for the trip....we MUST get OIL in our lamps NOW... otherwise when the season comes, we will be unprepared

The 2 WINGS of our airplane—that will allow us to fly in the Spirit—over the SEA—are the WINGS of **PRAYER** and **WORSHIP**.

ONLY voluntary lovers who are fascinated by the beauty of GOD as a primary reward will "volunteer" for such a mission. NO ONE CAN KNOW how they will respond when the time comes [the human heart is so easily swayed and turned]. That is why we must START NOW to cultivate intimacy and devotion and a heart of LOVE. We must have renewed MINDS, renewed passion, and inner strength... in a lifestyle of prayer and fasting. THESE kinds of people will be the "volunteers" that GOD will use to express His power through during the end times.

What is the carrier? Not sure... might be our existing church structure as we know it today. At some point, we will have to "LEAVE" this... It was good enough to get us this far, but it can not complete the mission while still being on the "SEA".

Psalms 110

- 1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
- 2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!
- 3 **Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.**
- 4 The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "**You are a priest forever** According to the order of Melchizedek."
- 5 The Lord is at Your right hand; **He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.**
- 6 **He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.**
- 7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

People who experience the POWER of God's THRONE will be VOLUNTARY LOVERS

- They will live in the beauties of holiness
- He will execute Kings in the day of HIS WRATH
- He will fill places with dead bodies
- He will execute the heads of many countries
- He will judge among the nations
- He will drink of the brook by the wayside

People who experience the POWER of God's THRONE will be fascinated with God in the BEAUTY of HOLINESS

- The beauty of holiness is the realm where God's beauty and majesty is seen
- It is holiness motivated by fascination with God
- It is holiness motivated by pleasure and enjoyment of God
- It is holiness that is happy and energized by LOVE
- It is holiness that comes from inward delight, lovesickness

Father will make the enemies of the Lamb His footstool! The enemies of the people of God, the enemies of His Bride, the enemies of His Son: all of these will be utterly subjugated and destroyed!

The "Day of Your Power" is the Day of His Wrath: it is when Justice will be executed, everything will be shaken, so that those things which cannot be shaken will remain.

His people will be "volunteers" in that day: God is looking for VOLUNTARY PARTNERSHIP, VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT, VOLUNTARY LOVE.

For those who will say "YES", God will WOO us and give us GRACE to partner, to agree, to love. For those who say "NO", there is only an expectation of His fierce wrath.

Why is there a **NOW** mandate and urgency concerning these things?

NOW is the preparation for the most tumultuous and challenging time of human history.

NOW is the training period for the "training period"

IT IS just right around the corner

The end times saga will see 4 important melodramas played out:

- God will judge sin and show that it is a bankrupt system: He will judge the entire world system of confusion – Babylon
- God will train the Bride: He will produce lowliness, humility, purity, and power in the people of God- He will adorn her with fine linen, pure and white, for her Husband-the Bridegroom
- God will bring in and reap the Great Harvest: the greatest number of people who will say yes to the Lord, the greatest number in human history ever—all who will be voluntary lovers
- God will redeem Israel and her people... brining about complete national repentance and a turning of the hearts of Israel toward their Messiah whom they rejected in their leadership

Where are we at today?

Picture 1920s Germany...

The church of Germany had NO idea that within 2 ½ decades, their lives would be GONE

Their entire world was going to crumble and dissolve before their very eyes.

What was the church of Germany thinking in the 1920s?

What was the church of America thinking in the 1920s?

What was the church in Europe thinking in the 1920s?

- They had no idea that **ONE MAN** would be able to rise to such level of power and to inflict such UNSPEAKABLE EVIL in such a short amount of time
- Hitler and his companions brought about unprecedented destruction and death... Japan helped... Italy helped... but what Hitler did he did with the power of satan operating upon him
- Hitler's persecution and slaughter of the Jews was an act of worship to satan
- Even when he knew the war was over and he was defeated, he devoted resources to killing more Jews in the concentration camps

What was the church thinking in Germany?

Why did the MAJORITY eventually embrace Hitler as Germany's savior?

Why did the MAJORITY of the Church not resist his persecution of the Jews?

- They were by in large anti-Semitic already
- They were taught wrongly—from the very words of Luther—to persecute the Jews
- They had a very poor understanding of grace and the cost of discipleship
 - Deitrich Bonheffer... analyzed this disparity

What was the 1920s church NOT thinking about?

- Spiritual preparation for the coming crisis
- Intercession and worship as a lifestyle choice
- The urgency of finding intimacy with the LORD
- The idea that ONLY with intimacy with the LORD could you process the events that would soon unfold

They were most likely pursuing "business as usual"...

They were probably thinking where they would be retiring in 20 years

They were probably thinking of their investments and business goals

They were probably thinking about their children going to college

They were probably thinking about the SAME things we in America are thinking of right now!

WE ARE IN the generation that will see the return of the LORD
WE ARE IN the generation that will see the fulfillment of this AGE
WE ARE IN the generation that will see unprecedented rise of EVIL
WE ARE IN the generation that will see the rise of the man of sin

There have been rulers more evil than Hitler... but he was one whose dominion caused worldwide upheaval

Hitler was a dress rehearsal... but he was a foretaste of global confusion, upheaval, persecution of the people of God...

Hitler was a second installment of Antiochus Epiphanes...

We know this about the end of the age:

Matthew 13:24-30

- 24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;
25 "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.
26 "But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.
27 "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'
28 "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'
29 "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.
30 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'""

**JESUS EXPLAINS THIS PARABLE: HE REALLY WANTED US TO UNDERSTAND THIS!
LET HIM HEAR! LET THOSE WITH EARS, HEAR THIS!**

Matthew 13:36-43

- 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."
37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
38 "The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.
39 "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, **the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.**
40 "Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, **so it will be at the end of this age.**
41 "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,
42 "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

When is the harvest?

At the end of **this/the** age

What happens at the harvest?

Angels are sent out as reapers

What happens to the tares (all things that offend/those who practice lawlessness) in God's Kingdom?

They are "gathered" out of His Kingdom...

What is the outcome of the tares?

They are cast in the furnace.. wailing and gnashing of teeth
What is the outcome of the righteous?

They will shine forth like the sun in God's kingdom

What are common about His coming, the great harvest, and the rapture?

If you study it out, you will also see that the rapture is always placed coincidental to the great harvest. The timing of the rapture coincides with the timing of the great harvest. The timing of the great harvest coincides with His coming... all at the END of this age.

What will bring about the GREAT HARVEST?

Is it JUST the sovereignty of God alone?

Will God JUST one day say, "Hey, I think now is a good time for me to woo the entire world?"

Will God JUST decide, "I think now I will save everyone?"

Who are the reapers?

Angels...

Revelation 14:14-20

- 14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.
- 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."
- 16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.
- 17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
- 18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."
- 19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
- 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

The GREAT HARVEST will be brought about BECAUSE of or by the MEANS of a PARTNERSHIP with the people of God on the earth.

Let this sink in... this premise is *not* how we have been trained or taught to think regarding God's sovereignty

God not only desires our partnership, but He ***demand***s it!

He will not do this ALONE and in a VACUUM

He will not act without a PARTNER on the EARTH

Our Bridegroom will not act alone.. Father is preparing a BRIDE that will act WITH HIM

God will bring about unprecedented revival for the SAME REASONS He has always done so:

- His sovereign purpose
- Combined with His people's passionate cry (night and day)

The GREAT HARVEST will be a RESULT OF a radical and drastic change of the spiritual environment on the face of the earth... unprecedented in human history.

This unprecedented change in atmosphere will be *primarily* the result of NIGHT and DAY intercession and worship in the cities of the earth.

God will change the expression of Christianity in a single generation...

God is going to raise up a BRIDE:

equally yoked in LOVE to His SON ...

she will LOOK like Him and SOUND like Him and ACT like Him ...

she will GROW up into the FULLNESS of Him ...
she will be TRAINED for BRIDAL PARTNERSHIP through the events that will unfold ...
she will be the INHERITANCE Father has promised His SON

**Look at Esther: a picture of the Bride who acted to STOP the Hayman spirit... A Bride who was JEWISH at heart but who had INFLUENCE in the GENTILE world... a Bride who was TRAINED in the MIDST of PERSECUTION
A BRIDE who partnered with the LORD in achieving deliverance for Her people...**

Until we see Israel as "OUR" people... Jews as "OUR" people... we will not have a heart to intercede or help them...

We must be given the heart of RUTH.. another picture of the Bride.. a gentile who said "Your people shall be my people.. your God my God..." Our God IS the God Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob so why come we have not identified "their" people as "our people"

Jesus speaks also of the end times judgments: at the establishing of His kingdom. The LORD says that nations will be divided according to their RESPONSE to HIS BROTHERS.. those in prison, those hungry, those sick, those who are strangers

Matt 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.
32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.
33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.
34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;
36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?
38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?
39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'
40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'
41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:
42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;
43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'
44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'
45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'
46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Jesus says that heaven and hell – the blessings and curse—will be doled out based on the response of the nations to these, the least of His brethren...

There are 2 ASPECTS to the Tabernacle of David being restored:

- In mercy [not harshness or anger] the throne will be established; and **One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David**, judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness." (Isaiah 16:5)
- After this **I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David**, which has fallen down; **I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name**, says the Lord who does all these things.' (Acts 15:16-17)

#1: It involves the COMING together of JEW and GENTILE in ONE BODY of Messiah (the ONE NEW MAN)

#2: It involves the RESTORATION of the DAVIDIC order of worship on EARTH (the ONE NEW VOICE)

Do you see that it is the *restoration* of the tabernacle that will cause **EVEN ALL** the GENTILES to seek the LORD?

Read the RESTORATION PROPHETS: they reveal HOW to build the temple of God.. i.e... the HOUSE OF PRAYER

Why the focus on restoring the Tabernacle of David—the Davidic Order of Worship?

- Because the PRIMARY identity of the Church on the earth right now is NOT God's primary identity..
- OUR TASK TO DO... that IDENTITY.. has many flavors and expressions
- HOWEVER, GOD has ONE primary TASK .. one PRIMARY vocation that HE SEES
- He has one PRIMARY IDENTITY for His people on EARTH...
- IT INVOLVES the TABERNACLE of DAVID.. BOTH aspects... kingly and priestly...
- EVEN **YOU** God will make JOYFUL in HIS HOUSE OF PRAYER
- JOY IN PRAYER... JOY IN GOD... JOY in HIS HOUSE
- HIS HOUSE shall be called the House of Prayer for ALL NATIONS
- HIS HOUSE is not to be called the House of Politics, Doctrine, or Programs...

Isaiah 56:7

7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Matthew 21:13-14

13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

Mark 11:17-18

17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it and **sought how they might destroy Him [there will always be OPPOSITION when zeal for the House of the LORD consumes a people]**; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.

Luke 19:45-48

45 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,
46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

47 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,

48 and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

WHO IS GOING TO RETURN?

WHO IS GOING TO REBUILD?

WHO IS GOING TO SET IT UP?

God is going to restore the Davidic Order as THE model for JOYFUL INTERCESSION...

God is restoring the primary IDENTITY of His Church as the House of Prayer

God is restoring the primary CALLING of His people as people who live a lifestyle of prayer and worship

Two dimensions of the PRIEST: sacrifices of **praise, intercession** for others

TWO THINGS we can do to help RESTORE the TABERNACLE:

- **Seek, press, and pray for personal and corporate night and day prayer to be released**
- **Seek, press, and pray for a Jewish heart to be given to the Gentile church and revival of the Jewish people**

Peter referred to this at the Council of Jerusalem when the question of Gentile believers was brought up...

It was used THEN to signify that God had indeed brought the Gospel to the Jew and Gentile

It was used THEN to signify the BEGINNING of the One New Man

The One New Man NEVER emerged in 2000 years of church history.. but it will

GOD HIMSELF will REBUILD this TABERNACLE... it is not just a ministry or another fad
GOD HIMSELF is going to SET IT UP

WHY? **So that the REST of MANKIND will SEEK ME!**

When the GLORY of God is released on the JEW and GENTILE in ONE BODY of MESSIAH, His glory is going to be released IN THE EARTH! In UNPRECEDENTED WAYS!

What is this FULLNESS of the GENTILES Paul spoke about?

- For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the **fullness** of the Gentiles has come in [**until the MATURITY of the GENTILE CHURCH in FULLNESS**]. (Romans 11:25)
- May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; **that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.** (Ephesians 3:18-19)
- **[UNTIL THAT TIME] Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;** (Ephesians 4:13)
- For it pleased the Father that **in Him all the fullness should dwell**, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. (Colossians 1:19-20)
- For **in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power. (Colossians 2:9-10)

What will happen when Jew and Gentile become ONE in Yeshua?

John 17:20-23

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also **for those who will believe in Me through their word;**

21 "that **they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that **they also may be one in Us**, that **the world may believe that You sent Me.**

22 "And **the glory which You gave Me I have given them**, that they may be one just as We are one:

23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

When Jew and Gentile come together in Messiah:

- 1) The world will truly believe that Jesus came from God and was God
- 2) The glory which Father gave to Jesus will be given to THEM
- 3) The glory will make them ONE... and their ONENESS will bring GLORY
- 4) They will be ONE with divine character

We must start thinking in terms of the CHURCH IN ISRAEL... not the CHURCH and ISRAEL

**God is Releasing One NEW MAN with One NEW VOICE-
An Identity as Fellow Believers in the House of Prayer**

The Parable of the Virgins - Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

THEN = at the end of this age

God's Kingdom = His operation through His people.. WITHIN US

AFTER the end of this AGE, God's Kingdom will be BOTH EARTHLY and SPIRITUAL

IT is JUST spiritual right now

God WANTED a spiritual and earthly Kingdom with Israel..

However, He wound up with only an earthly one caught up in fornication and adultery

There are 10 VIRGINS

Believers are virgins before the LORD... clean and pure before God

- For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a **chaste virgin** to Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:2)
- These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for **they are virgins**. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. (Revelation 14:4)

Each VIRGIN has a LAMP

What do the LAMPS signify?

- And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually. Exodus 27:20
- 'And to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there. (1 Kings 11:36)
- Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalms 119:105)
- There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare **a lamp for My Anointed**. (Psalms 132:17)
- For **the commandment is a lamp**, and the law a light; reproofs of instruction are the way of life (Proverbs 6:23)
- For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until **her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory**. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. (Isaiah 62:1-2)
- Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.** (Matthew 5:15-16)
- **He [John the Baptist] was the burning and shining lamp**, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. (John 5:35)

Lamps are almost ALWAYS associated with the vessels that carry the LIGHT of God's Word to those in darkness. They represent the ability to SHARE the GRACE of God with others.. His Word and His love.

They can be likened to **MINISTRIES**...

*Business or toil is merely utilitarian. It is necessary, but does not enrich or ennoble a human life.
Aristotle 360 BC*

THE VIRGINS were taking their LAMPS to go out and **MEET the BRIDEGROOM**

At the end of the age, the predominant paradigm of the people of God will be of a BRIDE and BRIDEGROOM relationship.

God will release the anointing and the understanding of the BRIDAL PARADIGM at the end of the age. He will present His SON as the PASSIONATE BRIDEGROOM...

The FORERUNNER ministry is being released... just as John the Baptist declared the FIRST oracle concerning the FRIENDS of the BRIDEGROOM. John FIRST proclaimed the fact that the Messiah has a BRIDE and that He is a BRIDEGROOM. He also combined GREAT REJOICING and FULLFILLED JOY... with the voice of the BRIDEGROOM AND with his decrease.

- You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' **He [Jesus] who has the bride is the bridegroom;** but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears **him [Jesus]**, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. (John 3:28-30)
- And it shall be, in that day," says the LORD, "That you will call Me 'My Husband,' and no longer call Me 'My Master,' (Hosea 2:16)
- And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" (Matthew 22:1-4)

The parable involves their going out to MEET the BRIDEGROOM... the times and events surrounding His return and His coming...

- In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself;** that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:2-3)

So:

The Virgins are BELIEVERS.. they are SAVED and SECURE by GRACE

The Virgins have LAMPS

They can represent their MINISTRIES before MEN

They can represent our personal REVELATION of God (the spirit of man= the lamp)

MINISTRIES are the OUTFLOW or VEHICLE of God's power manifestations on EARTH

The VESSEL of the LAMP is US.. the fire in the LAMP that produces LIGHT is HIM

2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

Five virgins were FOOLISH...Five virgins were WISE

Note that they are not WICKED, EVIL, or UNRIGHTEOUS... but they are FOOLISH

Some things are not sinful.. but they are *stupid*.. they are *foolish*

IN a PARALLEL theme, Jesus describes the WISDOM of John the Baptist...

This theme IS the context for the wisdom of the virgins

- For **John came neither eating nor drinking**, and they say, 'He has a demon.' **The Son of Man came eating and drinking**, and they say, 'Look, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children." (Matthew 11:18-19)

There is both a DANCE and a DIRGE in the Spirit.

There is both JOY and MOURNING to be embraced.

There is both FREEDOM and RESTRAINT.

There is WISDOM in pursuing a lifestyle of prayer, fasting, and worship.

There is WISDOM in seeking God with passion NOW.

There is WISDOM in wanting to see the House of Prayer built in your city.

There is WISDOM in being SPIRITUALLY violent when a transitional generation is in view

What will be signs of the transitional generation?

The anointed forerunner

The signs of the Messiah's coming

MANY in the church are living their lives in SPIRITUAL BOREDOM.. how FOOLISH

It is FOOLISH because we were made by God for FASCINATION with God

**3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,
4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.**

Oil is obviously significant of the Holy Spirit and the anointing...
Oil is what makes the wick of a lamp burn...without burning the wick
A lamp will burn without oil... for a while... but you burn the wick

A lamp with NO OIL is equivalent to NO LAMP.

OIL in the heart = Our personal intimate history in God

It is the ANOINTING on our HEARTs to LOVE GOD
It is the ANOINTING of FULLNESS on our SPIRITS
It is the MIGHT of God on our INNER MAN
It is the FASCINATION and AWE of God within us
It is our personal REVELATION.. the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

This is eternal life: the UNFOLDING of God to our inner man

Matthew 11:25-27

- 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.
26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.
27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. **Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.**

John 17:3

- 3 "And this is eternal life, that **they may know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Ephesians 3:16-19

- 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,**
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--
19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; **that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

OIL is the result of ABIDING in HIM
OIL is the result of INTENTIONAL GAZING ON HIM
OIL is the result of the Spirit's influence of fire and love on our spirit
OIL is the result of PASSIONATE PURSUIT

OIL can be on the **HANDS** (our ministry)
OIL can be on our **HEARTS** (our intimacy)

All through the old testament oil was used to purify and anoint. It was used in the temple for various reasons. It filled the lamps to keep them forever burning. It was used to anoint the Priest and the things of the Temple. It was mixed with other ingredients to present sacrifices. It also was a Sweet Aroma to the Lord when mixed with frankincense.

OIL can only be obtained from the OIL GIVER/SELLER
We are the LAMP... our light before MEN is manifested by the WICK
The WICK was designed ONLY to be soaked and consumed by FIRE in OIL

It is a picture of PURSUING MINISTRY OVER INTIMACY
It is a picture of professional ministry...
It is a picture of anointing on the hands, but none on the heart

Pursuing the work of the Kingdom over the love of the King
Seeking first the Kingdom involves seeking FIRST the King
It is the FIRST COMMANDMENT in FIRST PLACE.. this is where OIL is developed in the heart

Revelation 2:2-3

- 2 "I know **your works, your labor, your patience**, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And **you have tested** those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;
3 "and you **have persevered and have patience**, and **have labored** for My name's sake and have **not become weary**.

The church of Ephesus was KNOWN for its WORK and LABOR in the Kingdom...
They were laborers in the harvest
They were workers in the field
They were persevering in the midst of trial
They were pure doctrinally
They were devoted to correct interpretation of the Scriptures

Having a professional spirit in ministry... to be seen.. not for the praise of God

Revelation 2:4

- 4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that **you have left your first love**.

FASCINATION, AWE, and MARVEL with God is the PRIMARY way of LIVING ORDAINED by GOD for us..

Genesis 15:1

- 1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, **your exceedingly great reward**."

John 17:3

- 3 "And **this is eternal life, that they may know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

David had as a PRIMARY PREOCCUPATION the Beauty of the LORD..
The unfolding of God to the human spirit..

The GREATEST pleasure that can be experienced in this life is the revealing of God to the human spirit...It takes God to reveal God and it takes God to know God

THIS is eternal life... to KNOW God... to have God UNFOLD God to your spirit

ETERNAL LIFE is more than just ETERNAL EXISTENCE

- We experience eternal LIFE now
- The LIFE we experience now is the SAME in this Age as it is in the age to come
- Those in Hell have ETERNAL existence..
- The difference is that LIFE is characterized by the unfolding of God to our spirit
- The difference is in the beholding and pursuit of the Beauty of God
- Fascinated, awed, marveled, filled with wonder.. this is the essence of eternal life
- It is the essence of LIFE NOW and THEN
- God wants to CAPTURE us, FASCINATE us, UNFOLD the TREASURE of His GLORY to us

God is a jealous God.. and He made a people for HIMSELF
What this means is that NOTHING will take the place of fascination besides God Himself
We can try to fill this place with:
 The doing of a task
 The learning of doctrine
 The pursuit of His commandments and ordinances

When tasks are the PRIMARY preoccupation, they may excite us superficially and for short time
However, they are ordained 2nd... and they will wind up becoming a curse, not a blessing

God built us to PRIMARILY be preoccupied with Him
God built us to LIVE in ABANDONED LOVE to Him
God built the human spirit to be united with His Spirit

We were created to be FASCINATED by the God of Transcendent Beauty
NO task can answer or fill this cry of the human spirit
NO form of entertainment can answer this cry
NOT even His mandates can answer this cry
 Exciting to pursue, disillusioning when attained

John 17:26

26 "And **I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**"

The strategy of Jesus is two-fold:

- #1 Reveal His Father to us... declare His Father's Name to us.. STUN US, FASCINATE US, cause us to MARVEL, cause us to be in AWE**
- #2 Change our emotional makeup and chemistry.. fill us with the pleasure of wholehearted abandoned love**

We were made to be FASCINATED
We were made for WHOLEHEARTED LOVE in ABANDONMENT

Jesus now at the Right Hand of God, with the authority over the Holy Spirit...
 He will REVEAL His Father to us
 He will FASCINATE us and cause us to pursue Him in abandoned love
 He will PLACE within our hearts the love of the Father for Him

Where is the energy, time in pursuit of this fascination?

 God releases revelation based on HUNGER and PURSUIT
 God releases it bit by bit
 God releases it in measure... **measured** by *our* HUNGER and DESPERATION for Him

TO THOSE WHO HAVE a LITTLE, MORE WILL BE GIVEN
TO THOSE WHO HAVE NONE, WHAT they HAVE will be TAKEN AWAY....

What's the KEY?

 HAVE A LITTLE! GET A LITTLE! START A LITTLE!
 That's all it takes!
 No theology degree... no full time minister
 Very simple means... the WORD as a TOOL of TRANSFORMATION
 The WORD is the BONFIRE of God that will WARM our cold hearts

Approach the LORD with:

- 1) A spirit of devotion
- 2) A spirit of obedience
- 3) A spirit of love and dedication

We must see clearly NOT the COST of discipleship
We must see clearly the COST of NOT being disciplined!

5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

The important words: **THEY ALL**

Normal life: causes us to be tired and sleepy.. the NORMAL events of life that we ALL face
Everyone has problems, blessings, lack, abundance, trial, peace, and cycles of growth
Everyone has 24 hours a day...
Everyone has the same struggle to overcome SIN and fight the good fight of faith
Everyone is engaged in spiritual warfare against the flesh, the devil, and the world

The BRIDEGROOM will **APPEAR** to be DELAYED...hmm.. sounds like RIGHT NOW!
Israel has been a nation since 1948.. the GENERATION that has seen the FIG TREE bloom is HERE!
THE Bridegroom was NORMALLY delayed in coming to get the BRIDE... Jewish wedding customs
The Bridegroom never ANNOUNCED His coming UNTIL HE Came!
His Father gave the word... GO!

6 And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'
7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

AT MIDNIGHT... LATE at the END of the AGE.. just before the NEXT DAY>>> the 7th DAY of REST
JUST BEFORE the MILLENIUM KINGDOM is established... He is coming...

BEHOLD... the BRIDEGROOM is COMING.. let's go MEET HIM!
The Bridal Cry will be released in full.. VERY SOON... RIGHT AROUND the CORNER
The beginning of the tribulation period may signal this cry...
There are many crying out RIGHT NOW.. that is the forerunner calling

ALL the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps...

GO OUT TO MEET HIM: Join Him in His Purposes on Planet Earth

Why is the Bridegroom Coming? To release revival for the Great Harvest and Punish the Wicked

8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

The foolish said to the wise: "Give us some of your reality in God"

The wise said: "No, that's not how it works.."

You have to get oil from those who SELL oil!

We have to get Oil from the one who gives OIL!

Revelation 3:18

18 "I counsel you to **buy from Me** gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Isaiah 55:1-2

1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, **buy** wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and **eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance.**

You can not be given someone else's reality and revelation of God
The only way to get reality in God is to develop it slowly... through the Gospel
The message of the Sermon on the Mount... Kingdom Living... Fellowship.. Abiding

The SOM: prayer, fasting, worship, and giving

You cannot be given a history in God through a prayer line or having an anointed person pray for you
You cannot have my history... and I cannot have yours
You can go only as deep in God as you have hungered and pushed YOURSELF...

Abiding in God.. Transformation by Beholding...

We cannot go to a conference and get reality... get a personal history in God
We cannot be prayed for and given a personal history in God
We cannot be loaned "OIL" from someone else...
OIL is only developed in the heart of a pursuer ... a heart of HUNGER'
OIL is the currency of the Kingdom.. Intimacy in the HEART... perfumed, crushed spice

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

There are distinct seasons in God... seasons of anointing and ministry
When those seasons come, we are either ready or NOT to participate with the LORD

The Toronto Blessing + Rodney Howard Browne...
- TCF focused on non-Pentecostal denominations
- RHB focused on Pentecostal denominations

When the revival/renewal came, ministers had to choose what to think
Was it of God or not? What were the ramifications if you believed it was?

God had opened a season of ministry.. a door in the Spirit
Some were able to enter in this door of ministry.. this opportunity in the Spirit
Their hearts were already prepared for such a season....

To many, after the revival had lifted, their hearts were left unchanged in terms of pursuing God
It's easy to pursue God when the revival season hits...
It's easy to pursue God when there are open manifestations of His presence...
It's easy to pursue God when you can feel the anointing...

The ENTIRE reason that God gives manifestations of His presence and power demonstrations are to DRAW people to HIM!

Many experience REVIVAL, but their hearts are never DRAWN to the one who gave the REVIVAL..

Many ministers during these REVIVALS could not enter in with the LORD and partner with Him... They were still political.. worried about other things.. their own ministries.. their own names

If we are pursuing the WICK of ministry, we are left ILL prepared to embrace or enter into seasons of ministry in the LORD when they come

IF we are pursuing the OIL of intimacy, we are left ABLE to enter the DOOR of opportunities in the Spirit

The LAST GREAT door of opportunity in the Spirit is COMING!

Revelation 3:8

8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Jesus Himself—the Bridegroom—will set before the Church an Open Door of ministry in the Spirit
It will be Unparalleled in HUMAN HISTORY ... in CHURCH HISTORY... it's called the GREAT HARVEST
The Great HARVEST will be the result of the Great End Times Revival...
The Great End Times Revival will be the result of a Church whose identity has been restored
The identity of the church as the House of Prayer.. the Restored Tabernacle of David
This ministry will release KINGLY (apostolic) power in signs and wonders
This ministry will release the WISDOM of God in heavenly places

If we THINK the last waves of God's Spirit brought offense and confusion to the Church, you haven't seen anything yet...

We were given WINE... what about BLOOD AND FIRE?
The ministry of Spirit at the end of the age is UNPRECEDENTED... many will be offended
Many in the Church will not be able to ENTER in as well....

What is the message to those in MINISTRY?
Pursue and get OIL in the heart! Start NOW!

What is the message to ANY believer?
Pursue and get OIL in the heart! Start NOW!

11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'
12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

God is going to release the end times ministry of power and authority through people who are dedicated to the principles found in Joel 2—the end times move of God will be borne by those who are living a lifestyle of prayer and worship...

Joel 2:11-18

11 The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?

12 "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "**Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.**"

13 **So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.**

14 Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him-- a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly;

- 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room.
- 17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?"
- 18 Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, and pity His people.

Joel 2:28-32

- 28 "And **it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh**; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.
- 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
- 30 "And **I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke.**
- 31 **The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.**
- 32 And it shall come to pass that **whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.** For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

If we are to enter in with the Lord and His passion for the last days, we must KNOW Him... we must pursue INTIMACY and OIL in the HEART NOW!

13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming

We will know the SEASON
We will not know the DAY or HOUR of His coming

The parables of the kingdom in Matthew 25 were ALL related to the end of the age...

WHY do people who have not sought intimacy with the LORD choose to suddenly begin pursuing it?

- 1) God must first stun them and fascinate them with the Beauty of His Son
- 2) God must secondly show them the RICHES of the GLORY of His inheritance in them
- 3) The person must come to their own conclusion that they CANNOT live without more of God
- 4) The person must settle that they will live with NOTHING less than their rightful inheritance

The Significance of the House of Prayer

Living our Life in the "Days of the Wilderness"

The Bride in Song of Solomon is pictured by the Holy Spirit coming out of the "wilderness" as "leaning on her Beloved"

The Bridegroom calls to His Beloved: "Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm"

Song of Songs 8:5-7

- 5 **Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?** I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; there she who bore you brought you forth. THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED
- 6 **Set me as a seal upon your heart**, as a seal upon your arm; **for love is as strong as death**, jealousy as cruel as the grave; **its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame.**
- 7 Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly despised. THE SHULAMITE'S BROTHERS

The divine seal of love: supernatural LOVE.. it is a FIRE that can not be quenched. It is a seal of FIRE.

John 17:25-26

- 25 "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.
- 26 "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, **that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**"

The days of the "wilderness" are the days of our earthly life...

Romans 9:25-26

- 25 As He says also in Hosea: **"I will call them My people**, who were not My people, **and her beloved, who was not beloved.**"
- 26 "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' there **they shall be called sons of the living God.**"

Song of Songs 3:6

- 6 **Who is this coming out of the wilderness** like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the merchant's fragrant powders?

Jesus came from the days of His wilderness, in PILLARS of SMOKE (a life poured out, incensed) : He was the AROMA to God of LIFE.

He was DRENCHED in the fragrance of MYRRH: the burial spice. He poured out His life EVEN unto death.

He was DRENCHED in the fragrance of FRANKINCENSE: from a root meaning *whiteness*, showing forth PURITY; it is "PURE" incense—He was UNMIXED and PURE before God: **franc encens in French**

Some of the trees grow to a considerable height and **send down their roots to extraordinary depths**. The gum is obtained by incising the bark, and is collected in yellowish, semitransparent **tears, readily pulverized; it has a nauseous taste**. It is used for making incense for burning in churches and in Indian temples, as it was among the Jews <Exo 30:34>. See INCENSE. It is often associated with **myrrh** <Cant 3:6; 4:6> and with it was made an offering to the infant Saviour <Mt 2:11>. A specially "pure" kind, lebhonah zakkah, was presented with the shewbread <Lev 24:7>.

Incense was **sweet smelling...
The gum it was made from had a **NAUSIOUS** taste....
It was **burned**...**

**It symbolizes INTERCESSION and PRAYER: Jesus came from His wilderness
DRENCHED in INTERCESSION**

He was DRENCHED in the fragrance of the MERCHANT's FRAGRANT POWDERS

Ephesians 5:2

2 And walk in love, as Messiah also has loved us and **given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.**

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

15 For **we are to God the fragrance of Messiah** among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

16 To the one we are **the aroma of death leading to death**, and to the other **the aroma of life leading to life**. And who is sufficient for these things?

Luke 23:34

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

Ps 104:33-34

33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD.

Rev 10:9-11

9 And I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

2 Cor 2:14

14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us **diffuses** the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

John 12:3

3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly **oil of spikenard**, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

Isaiah 53:10-12

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; he has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering **[when you put Him to death! ... OFFERINGS were always KILLED!]** sin, he shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days **[He shall be RAISED to NEW LIFE]**, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

1 Peter 2:5

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 7:26-28

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;
27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.
28 for the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Hebrews 7:25

25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**

Hebrews 5:1-11

1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.
2 He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also beset by weakness.
3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.
4 And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.
5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."
6 As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";
7 **who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,**
8 **though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.**
9 **And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,**
10 called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"
11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

What is the PATTERN of HEAVEN?

Revelation 4:8

8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

There is night and day ministry before the throne of God.

There is a constant declaration of the transcendent beauty of God:

- incomprehensible
- unsearchable glory
- unsearchable greatness
- majestic power
- burning desire
- stunning passion
- captivating beauty
- glorious fascination
- unspeakable majesty
- unknowable wisdom
- unfathomable depths

These are the essence of HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The essence of ministry in heaven is agreement with God. The supreme worship principle in HEAVEN centers around constant agreement with God... His purposes, His judgments, His decrees, His laws, His love, His actions: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Why does there need to be such a ministry around the throne?

Revelation 12:10

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

ACCUSATION is the same as OFFENSE

An offended heart can not grow in love

An offended heart can not grow in maturity

An offended heart can not see the purposes or will of God

Revelation 14:11

11 "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Psalms 1:2

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Psalms 88:1

1 O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You.

Revelation 7:15

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

Revelation 20:10

10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

1 Chronicles 9:33

33 These are the singers, heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites, who lodged in the chambers, and were free from other duties; for they were employed in that work day and night.

I Kings 8:59-62

59 "And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require,

60 "that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.

61 "Let your heart therefore be loyal to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day."

62 Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD.

Neh 4:9

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

Lam 2:18-19

18 Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; give yourself no relief; give your eyes no rest.

19 "Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street."

The Spirit of Paul: Apostolic Intercession

1 Thessalonians 3:8-10

8 For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,

10 **night and day praying exceedingly** that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

The Spirit of Anna: The Worshipping Intercessor w/ a Forerunner Anointing

Luke 2:36-38

- 36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;
- 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.
- 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

The Spirit of Mary: The Intercessory Worshipper with a Fascinated Heart

Luke 10:38-42

- 38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named **Martha welcomed Him into her house.**
- 39 And she had a sister called **Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.**
- 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, **"Lord, do You not care** that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."
- 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.
- 42 But **one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."**

John 12:1-8

- 1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.
- 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.
- 3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.
- 4 Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,
- 5 Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"
- 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.
- 7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.
- 8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

John 11

- 1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
- 2 It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.
- 3 Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."
- 4 When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
- 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.
- 6 So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.
- 7 Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."
- 8 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"
- 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.
- 10 But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

- 11 These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."
- 12 Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."
- 13 However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.
- 14 Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.
- 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."
- 16 Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."
- 17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.
- 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away.
- 19 And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.
- 20 **Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.**
- 21 **Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.**
- 22 **But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."**
- 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
- 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
- 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
- 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
- 27 **She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."**
- 28 And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you."
- 29 **As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him.**
- 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him.
- 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."
- 32 **Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."**
- 33 **Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.**
- 34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."
- 35 Jesus wept.
- 36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"
- 37 And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"
- 38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.

47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs.

48 If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation."

49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,

50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish."

51 Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

52 and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

54 Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.

55 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.

56 Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, "What do you think--that He will not come to the feast?"

57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

