

(Rom 13:11)

"... now it is high time to AWAKE out of sleep"

Dear brethren,

Several weeks ago, while in prayer, I heard the Father's voice:

"Tell my people to AWAKE."

Immediately, I pondered on the word - AWAKE. It means "to get up or arise from a state of dormancy, to put into action or NEW LIFE." It is obvious that the Father is calling us forth into a new life in Him. I sought God about the "sleep" we had gone into.

Brethren, there has been a standstill period, a period of little action or life. For years we have proclaimed that Jesus is light. He is the everglowing candle that illuminates our daily life. This is not a candle that flicks on and off. In darkness and in light - it glows. There are times when each believer experiences a state of wilderness and feels the fire of the furnace. There are hurdles in our lives that God expects us to go OVER and not under. He knows that we feel that we do not even have the strength to make it. Brethren, God merely asked us to believe and have the mind that it CAN be done - it is HE who gives us what it takes to jump them.

What happens to these hurdles if we do not learn to deal with them? THEY REMAIN. The day we gave our all to Jesus, He took possession of us. No obstacle nor hurdle can be without His permission. Brethren, we have passed the stage of:

"It is the devil trying to get at me again."

We proclaim, we sing that Satan cannot prevail. He has no power over us since he has been made our footstool. Therefore, we have crossed this path, we can no longer consider this possibility. We know that he is not capable of these obstacles. But, who is? Only ONE has the ability, the power and the authority to allow these hurdles to come our way, for whatever reason - JESUS. With this realization, we know then that there is a divine purpose - all to His honour and glory. We cannot bypass them and there are no shortcuts. He has promised NEVER to leave us nor forsake us. God keeps His word so we know that through FAITH we can make it. We need to check where we are. Are we under or OVER these hurdles? Let us seek the Father's help. We cannot pray for the hurdles to go. When we rise up and go over them, then they go. Brethren, despite how thick the clouds may get - God expects us to look to Him and see Him as being greater. Anything that takes precedence or brings us to a point where we cannot freely worship, praise and be excited in Him, will have to stay until it is conquered. God will have no other gods before Him. Even in the pit, praise must flow forth!

I saw God with His arms held open. He is still waiting for His son - a man with whom He can have a mature and permanent relationship. Please brethren, the time has come to arise, to awake, to come forth with the banner of Jesus held high.

Let us use an example. Imagine a single mother with six children. Her eldest son is fourteen. For years she fed, nourished and watched with pride as he grew. She was there for him at every cry and fall. All her efforts and time were spent in raising and maturing him. What joy would this mother experience should this son grow and like a MAN take the place by her side - together they nourish the younger ones. Most of you are parents - how would you feel? What if, on the contrary, this son grows up very dependent on her? He does not work nor go to school. He has taken her for granted to the point where his very existence depends on her. She tries her best to continually be there for him but cannot bear the cries of the younger ones. Do you not think that eventually and with fairness, she would have to let him go? The younger ones need her and have not had the opportunity. Are they not her primary responsibility now?

Brethren, this is how it is with the Father. For years He nourished us. NOW we must rise up as responsible SONS and stop the howling and crying of the younger ones. They are God's primary responsibility, therefore, whether we do it or not - He will have them fed and nourished.

Let us be the ones, let us as a nation, a mighty people, do the work. Let us AWAKE OH ISRAEL, we have come out of the furnace, we are called and we are His chosen.

I humbly deliver what God has laid on my heart. If you have an ear, hear it. I continually pray that God will bless and guide us.

I love you and remain together with you all in Him.

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