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Greetings Saints!

**Our next gathering** will be on the **December 18th at 7am** **at the Chapel**. Jonny Harrison will be leading the group that morning as I will be in China on mission. However, I will be in prayer with you as well. I encourage you all to come filled up with hope and expectation for what The Lord is doing in this hour.

How can we not get excited when we get a small glimpse of who He is and what He is doing in and thru the united body of Christ? Last week during prayer, we were led to **2 Kings 13:14-21**. I'm sure that you're all familiar with this passage. The passage tells of the Syrian army coming to invade Israel; Jehoash and the king was greatly distressed so he sought the word of the Lord thru His prophet Elisha crying out, “O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!” Elisha's response was the following:

***15 And Elisha said to him, “Take a bow and some arrows.” So he took himself a bow and some arrows. 16 Then he said to the king of Israel, “Put your hand on the bow.” So he put his hand on it, and Elisha put his hands on the king’s hands. 17 And he said, “Open the east window”; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, “Shoot”; and he shot. And he said, “The arrow of the Lord’s deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them.” 18 Then he said, “Take the arrows”; so he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, “Strike the ground”; so he struck three times, and stopped. 19 And the man of God was angry with him, and said, “You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times.”***

Friends as you place your hand on the promises of the Lord with one another and claim them, the arrow of The Lord will shoot forth thru an open East Gate and it will accomplish what it was sent to do. Continue to pray and agree with one another as you persistently strike the ground in prayer. It's HIS Heart! Isaiah 62:6-7 reads:

***“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,
And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”***

Blessings,
Tom Ledbette

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Friends, as I was drawn to the book of Zechariah Chapter 8, I stumbled across this nugget and I felt led to share it with you as I believe it's what we're beginning to see develop throughout the region of Rockwall in this very hour. This isn't a new revelation as it's seen in Scripture over and over throughout the beginning of time...but there comes a time/season/shift when the hearts of men and women are awakened to pursue God with worldly abandonment and hunger for the things of God begin to increase at an uncontainable and yet unexplainable rate. The result is that a spiritual filling begins to take place individually, corporately and all throughout the land to the saved and unsaved (Matthew 5:6) and people will set their hearts to pray and seek the Face of God like never before!

In 1748, Jonathan Edwards called for "concerts of prayer" based on Zechariah 8:18-23. Edward's lengthy title summarizes Zechariah's vision for any prayer movement: *"An Humble Attempt to Promote Explicit Agreement and Visible Union of God ‘s People in Extraordinary Prayer, For the Revival of Religion and the Advancement of Christ’s Kingdom on Earth."* This compelling treatise for the practice of unified prayer for revival was widely received and ***implemented by Christians of all denominations throughout England.***

In these passages, Zechariah describes the key ingredients of any prayer movement.

**First**, the prophet Zechariah called for a "spirit of hope and urgency" to prevail. The remnant was told to quit fasting and start feasting, in celebration and anticipation of how God would act on their behalf (v 19). They were to focus on the hope and urgency of the coming of the Messiah.

**Second**, he called for continual prayer with a correct agenda. They were to "seek the Lord" (the literal Hebrew translates "seek the face of the Lord"). They were not to pray rote prayers but were to seek the Father's Will and pray His prayers.

**Third**, they were to encourage one another to join in prayer- , ‘...and the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, 'Let us go at once to entreat the Lord and seek the Lord Almighty. I myself am going.’" (v21) - as God's people united in the work of prayer for revival....united in the oneness in the spirit (John 17). He was encouraging people to get out of their prayer closets and seek God together **AS ONE** in the spirit.

**Fourth**, they were to expect an impact through their prayers, so that many would come to seek God's manifest Presence in their lives as He moved among His own (v.23). “In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.” Zechariah encouraged them to watch for the manifestations of God's answers to their prayers which would be a testimony to those around them.

I hope this blesses you as much as it has me!

Blessings,

Tom Ledbetter