

Dear Friend,

God told Moses and his brother Aaron to tell Pharaoh to let His people go. The deliverance of the nation of Israel from the bondage of Egypt would be a major turning point in history. These people had been in bondage for over four hundred years. Yet God had said the time had come for them to be set free.

You could say it this way ... for Israel to be free after four hundred years of slavery would be the REVIVAL of a nation. A new beginning. A turning point in history, not only for Israel, but for the whole world because one day in the future ... the SAVIOR of the whole world would be born through that lineage.

Moses and Aaron obeyed God, but Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Rather than let the people be revived into their true destiny, Pharaoh decided to distract them through the "cares of this world" by making their daily lives more difficult than they had already been.

Exo 5:6-9 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, (7) Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. (8) And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. (9) Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words.

Pharaoh intended to thwart the plan of God through DISTRACTION. He intended to make their lives so busy, so unpleasant, that they will have no time to even think about seeking their God. This has always been one of the primary tools of the devil to stop revival in every generation. Jesus said it was one of the strategies of the enemy to cause the very word of God to become unfruitful.

Mar 4:18-19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, (19) And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches,

and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

We have been seeking God for an outpouring of revival in our generation that is beyond anything the world has ever seen. Jesus promised that “this gospel” shall be preached in all the world before the end shall come.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

That has not happened yet. In fact, I was watching a special this week where I learned there are still many nations where the Bible has not yet been translated into their language. Can you imagine that? In this modern century there are people groups who do not have a Bible they can read in their own language! Oh my, beloved, there is much work to be done before the end.

Have you noticed the “cares of this world” seem to be multiplying in every way possible? Rampant inflation is eating away at everybody’s purchasing power. Many people are having to take second jobs just to be able to pay their bills, keep gasoline in their cars, and feed their families. I don’t think this is a coincidence. Pharaoh is a type of Satan and increasing “the cares of this world” is an age-old tactic of our enemy.

Then there are wars and rumors of wars. Hurricane Ian has devastated the southwest coast of Florida. Many lost everything they had. Literally, their houses, their vehicles, and all of their possessions were gone in an instant. When you lose everything, it is pretty easy to be distracted by “the cares of this world.” The whole body of Christ needs to come to the aid of our brethren who have been so devastated by that terrible storm.

But what about the revival? Has God changed His mind? Had He changed His mind in the time of Pharaoh? He had not. God continued to give Moses instruction and God Himself got involved in the deliverance of His people. Through supernatural signs and wonders God came through again and again until finally ... Pharaoh said ... “let the people go.” And the great REVIVAL of a nation was manifested exactly as God had said it would be. Hallelujah!

All of us are being bombarded with distractions of every kind. Many “cares of this world” have to be handled in a timely manner. We are to be responsible people. But we are never to forget our mandate to pursue God until REVIVAL is birthed in this generation. Here is an excerpt from a recent “present day speaking” of the Lord:

*“So come away with Me. Come to that secret place, says the Spirit of the Lord. Men and women, find the hours. You have no enemies. There is no one on this earth your enemy against this. **You have one enemy – it is the distraction of whatever it is that renders an excuse.** So seek Me, says the Spirit of the Lord, that all things come under submission. And again, I am pleased. In My pleasure, go forward. In My pleasure, seek Me more. This is the hour of the intercessor. This is the heyday of the intercessor. This is the fuel that burns for Revival.”*

Let us not be so distracted that we abandon our assignment from the Lord. Let us handle what must be handled but let us also seek Him in the secret place. Let our intercession fuel the fire of REVIVAL in this generation.

Your fellow servant for Christ,

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