

## **PREPARE TO SHINE**

I believe that God is preparing us, His children for another level of the expression of His kingdom in this Earth. I'd like to share a few scriptures that show God's intentions for His Kingdom, His children and this entire world.

In Malachi chapter 3, God outlines His plan to prepare His children.

Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness  
"Then, I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against evildoers...

Jesus explained in His parable about the wheat and the tares in Matthew chapter 13 that the sons of the Kingdom are represented by the wheat and the weeds are the sons of the enemy. He also declared what would happen at the end of the Age.

The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom every cause of sin and all who practice lawlessness. And they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

In Ephesians chapter 3, the Apostle Paul prays for believers. Although he uses different words, he prays for the preparation of God's people.

He prayed;

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.

These scriptures seem to all show the idea of preparation and then execution and results.

Purify God's children, then judgment can come.

Eradicate evil from the world, then God's children are completely free to shine forth His light.

Give God's children a revelation of His love so that they can be filled up with all the fullness of God, then He will do exceedingly abundantly beyond anything we could ask or think by His power that works within us.

Look at Psalm 2.8 for a moment. It reads;

"Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,

And the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession. 'You shall break them with a rod of iron,

You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"

This was the promise to Jesus that because of His incredible, supernatural sacrifice for all mankind, all of the kingdoms of this earth would be His.

Jesus is no longer in this world. We are the body of Christ in this world, and He has given us the power of attorney to continue to exercise His victory over the works of Satan and declare His kingdom to every person on this planet.

His kingdom will not coexist with any other Kingdom, whether it's a natural kingdom, spiritual forces, or anything we've allowed to reign and rule in our own hearts.

Jesus told us to pray that His kingdom would come in this earth just as it is in heaven. That means that every other Kingdom must go.

If we continue to trust in anything that's not His kingdom, it's like we have one foot in the kingdom and one foot in the world. It's like praying let your kingdom come, while we are trusting in something else that He is coming to destroy.

It's His grace and His love for us that's trying to get us completely out of the influence of this world, to be members of His family so that we can shine His light as citizens of His kingdom. And as His sons, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ we can fulfill His desire to proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom to every nation on this planet and redeem all of His children, before the end comes.

There is an egregious deception on this planet that's part of the darkness that's covering the people. I call it, "selective reality." People say, that might be your reality, but it's not my reality and reality has become almost completely arbitrary. Many believe that reality is whatever they say it is.

The Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached to every nation on this planet, and His Kingdom will be manifested through His people until He returns to this Earth. When Christ Himself sets foot on this Earth, the tolerance of this multiple choice concept of reality will be shown for the deception that it is.

Many people, Christians included, watch the news and get very fearful of what's coming. But here is God's promise to His people.

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the Lord of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” “BUT FOR YOU WHO FEAR MY NAME, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. “You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 4.1

Let's let the Holy Spirit prepare our hearts to be His ambassadors in this world, and proclaim and manifest His Kingdom to every person on this planet. Then His kingdom will come in this Earth as it is in heaven, and we can shine with His brightness as testimonies of His greatness.

God bless you.  
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