

AWAKE ZION AWAKE

Continued

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Earlier this month, the call to those who dwell in Zion to, “Awake” was being impressed strongly in my spirit and it seemed there ought to be something documented that would encourage those who realize that Zion is the, “land of their nativity,” i.e.: the land of their birth to which they are called to return to, after coming out from among those who have been captives in Babylon. These are the redeemed of the LORD spoken of in regard to those who were in bondage, to the enemies who sought to destroy God’s heritage. “Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.” (Psa 74:2 KJV)

These are the sons of God destined to be the overcomers who are the “firstfruits” of the order that is returning to Zion as “sons” like unto the “Son, Jesus the Christ,” and members of his body, who is the High Priest of our profession __ after the order of Melchizedek __ “Priest of God Most High.”

“Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.” (Isa 51:11-16 KJV)

Although there is a considerable amount of scripture devoted to the subject of Zion, there has been very little revealed in the writings of those who have tried to give meaning to what the Spirit says concerning Zion, (which God has desired and chosen for His habitation), and it seems to remain one of those “hidden treasures” that await God’s good pleasure and time to make known to his bondservants.

It is my conviction that God’s choice to reveal His secrets to those who fear, (reverence), Him remain his divine prerogative. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures, (conceals or makes unclear), my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:3-6 TNIV-parens for clarity)

Having had a desire to make known what I perceive to be a glimpse into what the Spirit would have us to know and understand concerning “Zion,” the perfection of beauty from whence God shines, I have begun to be convicted of speaking of things that exult themselves above the “knowledge of God,” and, that I don’t understand __ which are too wonderful for me. My ears have heard much about Zion but I cannot affirm or confirm that my eyes have seen what God has prepared for those who love Him and are the called, according to His purpose. These “wonders,” appear to be reserved for those who **hear His voice daily** and obey. I sense there are mysteries that will only be discovered and solved in those who are walking in the Spirit and are being led by the Spirit of Truth to know, “all Truth.”

Early in our journey, we drank deeply of the “milk” we received from the traditional teachings of the “denomination” we had come to know as, “our church,” and respected those we considered knowledgeable leaders who, “watched for our souls” and were capable of directing our lives to become “mature believers.” We read various publications, attended multiple meetings, conventions, bible studies, etc., and we began to believe we were growing and developing into, “Good Christians.” It wasn’t very long before we bought our own reference books, commentaries and the latest edition of Strong’s Exhausting Concordance, (pun intended). We listened to taped studies and sermons offered by the trendiest ministries of that time and began to write studies we thought would be of value to us and, other “seekers of truth.” In actuality, we were becoming more like the “religious” (Pharisees) to whom Jesus said: “You search the Scriptures, because you suppose that in them you will find the Life of the Ages; and it is those Scriptures that yield testimony concerning me; and yet you are unwilling to come to me that you may have Life. (Joh 5:39-40 WEY)

It took a number of years and a whole lot of “mistakes/sins committed in ignorance,” before the Holy Spirit intervened and began to teach us. We continue to use quotes from the bible, use resources to check the accuracy of the message we share with others, and have a great respect for those with “vision” and the anointing of God’s Spirit who share their lives with us. As we began to be nurtured with the “sincere milk,” we relied less and less on the precepts of man and began to listen for/to the Voice of God. The former things began to pass away and be forgotten, and we continue to look to the Spirit of Truth to lead us into all Truth, and to join us together with members of His body who are following on to “know” the Lord __ personally and intimately __ until we all become, “One New Man in Christ.”

As we continue to be processed and becoming, “as He is,” and, until we ascend and are joined together with him in the Father’s throne __ there are dreams, visions, prophecies and the living Word, that are becoming a vital part of our individual experience. These are revealed according to God’s will and purpose to bring about our transformation, and no other “son or daughter” will have the “exact” same testimony. We may be, “one in spirit” and one in faith” but we, as part of the Body of Christ, are, “members in particular.” As God’s House, we are “living stones” being built together into the dwelling place, (habitation), of God in the Spirit. I am not trying to withhold information by not sharing what is my personal perception of Zion. It just seems irrelevant to try to pass off my experiences and views as “truth” that can only be taught by the Spirit of Truth who leads and guides us into, “all Truth.”

Seeking FIRST, the kingdom of God and his righteousness is a reasonable starting place to begin to allow God to add the things we need, as we are caused to walk in our Savior’s footsteps to fulfill his calling and election in obedience to the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.

It seems appropriate to close this short document by encouraging anyone who reads it, by repeating the title, “AWAKE ZION AWAKE! A-W-A-K-E Z-I-O-N A-W-A-K-E!

As priests of God Most High, we must continue to, “awake and trim our lamps __ till the sons of God arise”.