

Kingdom Thoughts!

Maranatha Ministries Unlimited

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Dear Friends,

As we approach the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus we find ourselves, as believers, facing one of the most critical times in the history of our nation and the world. It is amazing to watch Biblical prophecy unfold before our eyes. The Spirit of the Lord is moving in awesome, amazing ways to demonstrate His glory. At no time in my personal memory have I ever seen a greater need to fix our eyes on Jesus. I am reminded of II Chronicles 20. As you read that passage and realize that Jehoshaphat is being faced with a collection of three people groups that have come together to make up a mighty army - one that is far too large and too strong for him to handle - it is quite interesting how he responds. He first praises his God and gives thanks for the inheritance that God has provided for His people and then He reminds the Lord of their absolute dependence on Him. His word is, "Lord, this army is too great. We don't have the wisdom or the strength to handle them but our eyes are on you." His declaration is that Judah owes its existence to God and its future depends on God. doesn't that sound a little bit like a new testament challenge that we should fix our minds and hearts on things from above - that our eyes, minds, and hearts should be fixed on Jesus. Another way of expressing that is found in Matthew 6:33. The challenge being that no matter what we



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see in the natural we should seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Jehoshaphat gave us a battle plan for these days, actually, a plan for the living of these days. As he turned his eyes from his own strength and fixed them on the Lord an amazing thing happened. As they sought God and fasted there was a spirit of unity that filled the land - do you think this country could use a little of that? In that spirit of unity a powerful prophetic voice declared "Don't be afraid. The battle is the Lord's." It is also interesting that the plan of the enemy, even the enemy's position, was revealed through a prophetic word so that it was clear where the enemy was coming from. In a day of so many voices, so many distractions, so many evil forces, wouldn't it be good to be clear about the enemy's position and his plan. We need to fix our eyes, be drawn together in a spirit of unity, listen for the prophetic voice, embrace the revelation of the enemy's plan and position. The admonition of the prophet was very clear, "Don't be afraid, the battle is the Lord's." However, in this day we have a part to play. We are to take up our positions and stand firm as the people of God. I believe the promise of II Chronicles 20 for this nation is that if we as His people will stand firm in our positions that are based on the Word of God that we will see the salvation of our God.

As the Easter season approaches and we celebrate the victory that is found in His death and in His resurrection we

should find ourselves in a position of praise and worship. When Jehoshaphat fell on his face and worshipped and then appointed praisers and worshippers to go out before his army, he put into motion the very power of God to deliver his people. When the praisers and worshippers went out before the army of Jehoshaphat the enemy was confused, disheartened, and turned in on itself and the three people groups simply devoured one another. The only thing that remained for Jehoshaphat army was to pick up the spoils that were left after the enemy was defeated.

Cheer up folks! This is a great day in Jesus. He is the resurrected Lord of Glory. He rules and reigns in this day, in this realm, and we are His people. What was won as He gave His life at Calvary and came out of the tomb on that first Easter morning is a victory that has been imparted to us by the power of the Holy Spirit and no demon in hell can take it away from us. Take up your positions. Stand firm. Watch the deliverance of our God. No matter what the natural eye sees, we are a people of faith and we walk by that faith so that even in the midst of confusion and fear we see the face of Jesus who has won the victory over everything we will ever face. Celebrate His goodness, celebrate His life, celebrate His victory, that has become our victory. Seek first the kingdom of God. Rejoice! We win! Have an incredible Easter.

In His Great Love

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John's Schedule

Please join us as we visit your area!

April 2-4	Liberty Christian Fellowship
April 9-11	Austin, Texas, University Methodist Church
April 16-18	Liberty Christian Fellowship
April 24-25	Liberty Christian Fellowship
April 30 - May 2	Liberty Christian Fellowship
May 10-12	Georgetown, Delaware
May 14-15	Ken Helser Men's Retreat
May 17-19	Asheville, North Carolina
May 28-31	Concordia College, Michigan, CFO Annual Meeting
June 20-25	Iowa CFO

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As most of you know, I am doing approximately 20 meetings on the road and at the same time working with Liberty Christian Fellowship. Liberty pays directly to Maranatha Ministries for my time spent in the ministry that I do there, and the other funding for Maranatha comes from the honoraria on the road and from your giving as Gideons and supporters.

I am deeply grateful for your support. With everything that is going on with our economy I am sure that many of you feel the pressure as we do. We could really use your support in special ways at this time, and at the same time Betty Jo and I are just simply grateful for you being our friends and for you helping us in any way you can. Thank you for what you have done in the past and for what you will do in the days ahead to help us as we continue to be about our Fathers business

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