

A CALL TO INTERCEDE

A Promise

We have a promise from the Lord that I believe has not yet been fulfilled. A promise that he has repeated various times in the past which I believe is soon to come to pass. The promise is:

"But [the time is coming when] the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the **glory** of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." [Hab 2:14]
(Amplified Bible)

"... for the earth shall be full of the **knowledge of the Lord** as the waters cover the sea. And it shall be in that day that the Root of Jesse shall stand as a signal for the peoples; of Him shall the nations inquire and seek knowledge, and His dwelling shall be **glory** [His rest glorious]". [Isa 11:9,10] (Amplified Bible)

"But truly as I live and as all the earth shall be filled with my **glory** ..."
[Num 14:21] (Amplified Bible)

The Hebrew translation of **glory** as used in the verses above is **kabod**, which literally translated means "weight". I believe that God is soon to manifest a measure of His Presence in the earth that is thus far not been seen or experienced. His Presence will descend upon the earth like a "weight" that will be experienced world wide. This "weight" of the Lord's Presence will be like the glory the priests experienced in Solomon's temple.

"...then the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the **glory** of the Lord filled the house of God." [2Ch 5:13,14] (Amplified Bible)

The word glory in this verse is the same word **kabod** meaning "weight".

But His glorious Presence will not just be experienced by a singular group of people in one location as in Solomon's time and in past revivals. It shall be experienced all across the world, for The Lord promises that His **glory** will cover the earth **as the waters cover the see**.

The Effects of His Presence

As believers what do we see when we look at the world we live in.

We see sin:

idolatry, violence, wickedness, lust for wealth and power, drunkenness, promiscuity, pride and self-sufficiency

We also see:

hopelessness, depression, pestilence, hunger, poverty, brokenness, weariness of spirit, emptiness.

These same conditions are listed in Habakkuk 2 and 3. These two chapters are prophetic and speak of the times before the second coming of Jesus. As the degree of these conditions increases, almost to "boiling point" the Lord will break forth upon the earth and His **glory** will be made manifest. His glory will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

What will the effect of the Lord's Presence be?

- Multitudes of people will come to salvation and the knowledge of the Lord. This will be accompanied by great signs and wonders from the Lord, because with His Presence comes the supernatural. Many will be drawn to His love, and healed from the turmoil and heartache that this world and satan has subjected them to. **He will come as Savior and deliverer.**
- Evil (satan, his hosts and all who align themselves with him) will outrightly seek to appose Jesus. His Manifest Presence will begin to shake the nations. "He stood and measured the earth; He looked and shook the nations, and the eternal mountains were scattered and the perpetual hills bowed low." (Hab3:6) [Amplified Bible] **He will come as conqueror.** Before His second coming.

A Call to Intimacy and Intercession

What should we as Jesus' Church be doing? We should be first and foremost walking in intimacy with Him. Jesus should be our first love. **There is a call from the Spirit of God for intimacy.** We should be living in close communion with Jesus every second of the day. Talking to Him constantly is what He wants.

We should ask Jesus to give us His burden of intercession (for His lives to make intercession at the right-hand side of the Father) for His Church and all the people of the world. **There is a call from the Spirit of God for intercession.** As the conditions in the world I have listed above increase to boiling point, Jesus has also raised up intercessors who are offering up prayers of intercession.

I sincerely believe that this type of intercession will be a result of believers being in union and meshed together with the Lord in intimacy. So people will be "walking prayers". As they are prompted to pray, they will pray regardless of where they are or what they are doing. So they can be praying as they do their daily work, as they walk, as they play, as they drive, **as they live.** It will be an intercession of daily minute-by-minute communion with the Lord.

These prayers are touching the throne of God and are reaching "boiling point". It is going to be these prayers (like the prayer Solomon prayed before God's **glory** came) that will usher in God's **glory** and His Manifest Presence.

Now is the time that we pray without ceasing for God to have mercy and visit earth with His glory. Let us pray earnestly and urgently like Habakkuk: "O Lord revive Your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make Yourself Known! In wrath remember love, pity and mercy."

A DREAM

Towards the end of January 2008 or the beginning of February, I cannot recall, I had a very troubling dream on a Friday night:

In the dream I had a clear glimpse of the world. Everything man has built physically (buildings, great structures), economically (wealth, power, empires), technologically and otherwise looked glorious and beautiful (almost sparkling in brilliance). Many looked to and depended on what was built as their pride, joy, confidence, security and hope.

Suddenly everything started rotting. Mankind, those who looked to everything man had built, started running aimlessly and hysterically.

Bewildered and confused man's hope had been dashed.

I woke up in a sweat. Had the Lord spoken to me through the dream? If He had, what was he saying?

As I lay there, milling in my mind what I had dreamt, I realized that God was saying: **"Do not place your hope in what is soon to be destroyed – look to and hope in me"**

The very next day, Saturday, I woke up early to attend our Saturday morning men's fellowship. I was in two minds whether to share my dream with the group or not. As we sat to begin Stephan said: "How was your night?"

Normally we would begin our fellowship by sharing about the past week or some other warm "chit chat". Stephan's opening remarks have never been "how was your night?" I took this remark to be a sign from the Lord to share my dream with the men.

After sharing the dream Stephan felt that it was a timeous dream from the Lord. After discussing it for a few minutes, Stephan received what I believe was a word from the Lord: "The dream that you had on this the ___th of February 2008(I can't remember the exact date) will have a profound effect on the decision you make **six months from now.**

Those words hit me like a punch from Mohammed Ali. Stephan did not know that Mandy and I were considering going to Oman (**in six months time**) in the Middle East where teachers (my occupation) were getting three times the amount that we get here in South Africa.

My friend is currently teaching there and while back in SA for a short holiday, he had “tempted” us with the idea of going as he did. He further informed us that accommodation, the air ticket there and transport to and from school were all free – not to mention that one’s salary was tax-free. This sounded all so good!

In Oman their school year starts in July and we were hoping that that would give us enough time to prepare our passports and other arrangements. Before making the final decision to go my wife and I decided to first pray and ask the Lord for his guidance.

After having the dream I new that it was not God’s will for us to go. The dream had exposed my deep motive for wanting to go to have more money and acquire wealth – not because He wanted us to go. Stephan’s **“the dream will have a profound effect on the decision you make six months from now”** confirmed that it was not Jesus’ will for us to go.

Further more – it is now almost six months since having the dream (end of May 2008) and more requests for me to go to the Middle East have come via my friend in Oman. He has been sending me e-mails of website addresses where one can apply on-line for teaching posts there. God is good!! He always leads if we ask Him.

Looking at the Dream More Closely

Everything that man has hoped in – all that is great in his eyes and all that is his security and pride will eventually “rot” [in what manner this rotting will come or how it will appear I do not know]. But when that begins to happen in the earth men will run to and fro looking for something or someone to take refuge in. There will be calamity, confusion and lawlessness. This is what the bible means when it states: **“For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness all the peoples ...”** Fleeing from one spot of the globe to another will not help in trying to escape the darkness. [one’s only refuge will be Jesus and one’s close friendship with Him – believers will have this One sure advantage over those who do not walk with Him].

However the verse does not end with the darkness covering the earth and it being triumphant. On the contrary it ends with **“... but the Lord shall arise upon you, and His glory shall be seen on you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising”** [Is 60v2,3] That speaks to me of world wide revival.

The dream impacted my life in two profound ways.

1. Filled with dread I realized that I need to **walk more closely and intimately with Jesus** [friendship with Jesus and one’s love for Him will be our only hope].
2. I began to have the urge to pray earnestly for the people in the world and in the church. I have also begun praying that God would raise up

true intercessory prayer among his people and that God would “rent the heavens” and come in all His power and glory [what the people of the world need is a manifestation of God’s glory and power]

In conclusion, the purpose of writing these things down is to urge anyone who gets to read this to reassess his/her walk with Jesus. Is your love for Him passionate? Do you have a close and intimate relationship with Him. Are you minute-by-minute developing communion with Him. Furthermore, to urge believers to ask Jesus for His burden of intercessory prayer and pray for the people of the world – that they will have hearts ready when God’s Presence is made manifest in the coming world-wide revival. To pray that God would soon fulfill His promise that “ **the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea**” [Hab2:14]