

Sound the Alarm!

The Day of the Lord is Near

Is God about to do something extraordinary? We should be pondering this question if we desire to be a part of the prophetic fulfillment of the times before the Second Coming of Christ—the Day of the Lord. As the prophet Joel declares, we are to sound the alarm and warn all that the Day of the Lord is at hand. Now is the time to make ourselves ready as His instruments of righteousness.

Joel 2:1-2 Blow the trumpet in Zion and sound the alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord is coming, for it is at hand: ²A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains.

In Peter's great sermon following the healing of the lame man at Solomon's Porch in the book Acts, he says Jesus won't return until the restoration of all things happens, and everything spoken by the mouth of the prophets is fulfilled.¹ The above passage is a prophetic statement concerning the times we are entering. We are at a point in time when our worldly climate demands we make ourselves ready. The trumpet has begun to sound the alarm warning the inhabitants of our world to get prepared for what God is about to do. We are entering into a season of urgency, wherein we must first make sure we clothe ourselves in the Lord Jesus Christ by putting on our wedding garments. Will we be among those who have prepared ourselves for the great wedding day, or will we be caught unaware suddenly when the day comes on us? Preparing ourselves for how to be used in this season is an important question we should all be pondering.

Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and her wife has made herself ready.

Romans 13:13-14 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

The trumpet sound emanating from the throne of God is a wake-up call for the Church. We must wake up from our slumber and realize the alarm is sounding. We have a grave responsibility to be watchmen on the walls to warn the world, our friends, and loved ones of the impending disaster that is coming on all the inhabitants of the world, lest their blood is upon us. We must open our hearts and spirits to the alarm sounding throughout the world's landscapes and allow the Holy Spirit to speak in a way we understand. As the prophet Ezekiel warns us, God made us security guards for His house. We are to warn the world's inhabitants to save them from their wickedness². He says their blood will be upon us if we fail to do so. It is evident; Paul was well versed in the words of Ezekiel. When speaking to the leaders of the Ephesus church, he said, "I am innocent of the blood of all men."³ During the whole of Paul's ministry, he was motivated to sound the alarm and boldly proclaim the gospel to everyone he met. How motivated are we to sound the alarm to those we meet and know?

To remain in a state of readiness, we need to have the anointing oil flowing from our lives as we commit to His purposes for our generation. Without the anointing, we won't be adequately prepared to minister in the fullness of Christ with the gifts of the Spirit He has given. John informs us in one of his letters that we all have the anointing of God.⁴ What are we doing with the anointing God has given us? Are we stirring it up daily? We have been given the power of the Holy Spirit to minister supernaturally to a world filled with hate, violence, sexual depravity, deceit, and much more that exudes out of self-absorbed people caught in

¹ Acts 3:11, 19-21

² Ezekiel 3:17-20

³ Acts 20:26

⁴ 1 John 2:20, 27

the lies of Satan. We are to be salt and light amid a dark and oppressed climate. Through the anointing of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus, He was able to penetrate the darkness that assaulted the lives He set free. We have been given that same anointing as the following passage of Scripture reveals.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ and there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.

The term “works” means active operation, productive, powerful, dynamic, efficient, fervent, and mighty in showing forth. The word “manifestation” means to make visible, clear, and known. With these two definitions in mind, we can see that it is the Father’s desire for us to be vigorous and mighty in showing forth and making His power visible through the gifts of the Spirit.

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There is an end-time anointing that is coming before the return of Jesus Christ that will be greater than anything that occurred throughout the earth’s history. God is now commissioning us to fulfill the words of Jesus when He said, “*You will do greater works than Him.*” This anointing will come suddenly like a mighty rushing wind as it did with the early disciples in the book of Acts. So now is the time as Christ’s bride to make ourselves ready. As we hear the trumpet sounding the alarm, we must take the time to fill our vessels with the oil of the

Holy Spirit as we purpose to go forth in His anointing.

As chaste virgins⁵ espoused to Christ, let us not be like the foolish virgins who took no oil with them while they waited for their bridegroom.⁶ Instead, let us be like the wise virgins whose lamps were filled and ready to move in step with God’s plans and purposes. The prophet Joel also mentions this when he says, “*A people is coming, great and strong, the like of whom has never been nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations.*”⁷ The prophet, Daniel, said, “*The people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.*”⁸ Therefore, let us heed the words of Paul, the apostle.

Romans 14:11-14 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now, our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

As the alarm reverberates through our spirits, let us go forth into our harvest fields, sounding the alarm as God displays His glory. With the rise of the anointed ones, God will usher multitudes upon multitudes into His kingdom before the great and notable day of the Lord.⁹ May we not be caught sleeping as this excellent opportunity to be used by the Lord is upon us. The time to get ready is at hand by getting the extra supply of oil for all that God has prepared for this crucial time in the history of the earth before the second coming of Jesus Christ. May we sound the alarm for all to hear.

⁵ 2 Corinthians 11:2

⁶ Matthew 25:1-10

⁷ Joel 2:2b

⁸ Daniel 11:32, 12:3

⁹ Joel 3:13-15