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Influencing Nations with Truth

A voice of one calling in the desert: "Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out." (Isaiah 40:3-6)

Recent Highlights:

Insights on the Current Season:

In January 2008 at our *Finding Hope in a Season of Shaking* Path Clearer mini-conference in Birmingham, most of the presenters spoke of their personal anticipation of various adversities coming in that year. For instance, David Davenport predicted a sequence of "dominos" that would fall in rapid succession. Much of what he predicted as a sequence of tumbling dominoes has already manifested. He, John Manwell, and I had "known" in advance that 2008 would be a year that unleashed a heightened level of adversities. I had already written about the rise in hopelessness and confusion within prior e-newsletters and ***Hope When Everything Seems Hopeless***.

So, what is this unusual season all about? Really, what is going on? God is shaking the earth in order to expose that which was built upon falsehood and shifting sand. He is shaking things to cause the true *Remnant*, the true *Disciples* to rise up. Yahweh is shaking local churches so that the genuine *Body-of-Christ* Church will emerge. He is upsetting the things that people trust in, so that they will learn to trust in Him or else be exposed for their lack of trust in Him. He is shaking many things to align nations for His sovereign purposes. He is releasing specific judgments upon the earth and within the Church.

God judges individuals, peoples, and nations. The soon-to-be-released book, ***Half-Truths are Lies*** deals in part with this issue. He is working to bring believers (i.e., those who confess that they trust in the name of Jesus) into the *Baptism of Fire*, so that they will experience His *threshing floor*. Those who are willing to go to the threshing floor can be transformed from believers into obedient disciples.

So, how does one pray now? If your prayer is an attempt to avert current or imminent crises, wouldn't it be optimal to first know what God is doing and saying prior to petitioning Him? Don't we just automatically presume that He desires to remove the painful consequences so that we'll all experience life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness -- the "honey" of life? Now is a good time for one to know who is a reliable prophetic voice for the Lord. Note from my experience that most pastors and ministry leaders are poorly equipped to hear from the Lord. Look to those who have reliability in their counsel and predictions, and who are steering people toward Yahweh. This is not a time for shallow but good intentions of "bless me, bless me". We're experiencing tremors of the shaking that is a manifestation of the hand of the *God of Adversity*.

However, few Christians will understand this, as it requires revelation from the Holy Spirit. Revelation is not the same thing as "natural" knowledge or "common sense". In addition, many Christians have aberrant theology about hearing from the Spirit. So, God is not going to

tell them much because they have stuck cotton in their ears for years while the Lord has been trying to speak to them. In Jeremiah, He said ~ *"since you wouldn't listen to Me when I was speaking to you, now I won't listen to you when you pray to me."* This is a strong warning. I firmly believe that we're experiencing a Jeremiah-like season.

This is much bigger than the current threats of a possible Swine Flu pandemic, or the collapse of the economy, or the loss of retirement savings accounts, or the failure of the automotive industry. Adversities will not stop there. However, Psalm 37 says that He will take care of the "needs" of his own righteous followers, even in a time of famine.

John Manwell's Perspective on the Current Season:

John wrote in April that the current economic storm is a parallel of the famine at the time of Jacob and Joseph:

- The famine was necessary to propel the tribe to Goshen – the people of God experienced some of the pain of the famine – this was essential to cause them to move under the sovereign leading of the Lord.
- A major key to entering the purposes of God was Joseph operating in the prophetic realm – interpreting the signs from the Spirit of God
- An important part of the process of the tribe coming into Goshen was the reconciliation of Joseph and his natural full brother (Jesus and the Jewish people) and reconciliation with the half brothers – the gentile church.
- In the land of Goshen the people were blessed and prospered – this was not just a temporal and carnal blessing but preparation for an eternal purpose – ultimately the ministry of Jesus and all that followed. So our blessing and protection will not just be temporal and carnal but for the Kingdom
- A significant foundation for the blessing in Goshen was that the people did what they were good at...e.g., Joseph interpreting dreams and being a powerful leader, and the people being shepherds. They were defined by God as a distinctive people.
- Goshen was not a destination – but a staging post
- In later times the blessing and protection of the people in Goshen came to an end and they needed deliverance from persecution.
- The final stage of being in Goshen was a replay of the sequence – the plagues initially affected God's people, but as the power and intensity increased the people were more and more miraculously protected.

National Day of Prayer in Washington DC: On May 7th Shaun Alexander (NFL MVP) and I participated in the National Day of Prayer at the Cannon Office Building of the House of Representatives. We helped to arrange for Shaun as a special guest speaker. The three-hour meeting was anointed with the Holy Spirit's presence. Even though the nation is facing growing hopelessness, the participants demonstrated tangible hope. Excellent messages were also delivered by other noteworthy speakers, including Beth Moore, Father Daniel Coughlin – the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, and General James Amos – the Assistant Commandant of the US Marine Corps. Alabama Congressman Robert Aderholt was the Congressional Sponsor of NDP this year. It should be noted that President Obama and his Cabinet declined to participate in the National Day of Prayer, which had been customary with prior administrations.



[(1) Tom, Shaun, and his wife - Valerie; (2) Alabama Congressman Robert Aderholt, Shaun, and Tom]

John Manwell – Candidate for European Parliamentary Elections: John is running as a candidate from the UK for the European Parliamentary elections on June 4th. Approximately ten percent of the Parliamentary seats are held by the UK.

Paul Griffiths: Our former PC Board member has accepted the post of Pastor at Kirkby Baptist Church near Liverpool, England.

Ogden, UT: Scott & Erin Bertoni hosted me for an evening at their home for fellowship and teaching in May. Scott is a friend from the days when he was a student at Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham. He then moved to California and most recently to Utah, where he serves as the Associate Pastor of an Evangelical Free Church and is coordinating the launch of a regional house of prayer.

Radio Interviews: A *Life Perspectives* radio interview by Jim Cress aired on April 20th. Typically the interviews are held on the third Monday evening of each month. For future broadcast schedules please see www.lifeperspectives.org for dates and station information or www.afr.net for live online broadcast (click “Listen Now”).

Books: To purchase copies of *Hope When Everything Seems Hopeless* please mail checks payable to Path Clearer Inc. for \$19.00 (including shipping) or for volume discounts on 5+ copies for \$15.00 each (including shipping). Alternatively you may make direct payments online via PayPal, and send an e-mail confirmation with your order information. Designate if you want any copies signed. Copies of *Praying Faith* are available for \$18.00 each (including shipping) or for volume discounts on 5+ copies for \$14.00 each (including shipping). *Mail requests with checks to:* Path Clearer Inc., PO Box 661466, Birmingham, AL 35266-1466. Both books are also listed on www.Amazon.com. However, it is more profitable for PC if books are purchased directly from us. *Half-Truths are Lies* is currently being processed by Mall Publishing, and is therefore not yet available for purchase.

Prayer Requests, Future Events, News:

Future Trips:

- Annual PC Conference in Chicago Heights, IL in September

Recommended Resources:

- June Volk – *The God Who Answers by Fire*
- Gene Edwards – *A Tale of Three Kings: A Study in Brokenness*
- Mark Atteberry – *The 10 Dumbest Things Christians Do*
- Johnny Enlow – *The Seven Mountain Prophecy*
- Donald Miller – *Searching for God Knows What*
- PBS Video Series – *We Shall Remain*

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