

The Next Level Awakening...NOTES

Leaders,.....LEAD!

TEXT: Psalm 119:105 NLT.

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”

INTRODUCTION:

I want to share with you today 8-scriptures that I believe are going to challenge us as we face this next phase of what God is doing and where we are going:

#1--- Proverbs 4:5-9 NLT

“Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don’t forget my words or turn away from them. Don’t turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown.”

#2--- Joel 2:23 NKJV

“Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.”

#3--- Joel 2:28-29 NLT

““Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.”

#4---1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT

“From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.”

#5--- Amos 9:13 NLT

““The time will come,” says the Lord, “when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine!”

~~AND FROM THE MESSAGE~~

“Yes indeed, it won’t be long now.” GOD ’s Decree. “Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won’t be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings! Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills.”

#6--- Matthew 9:37-38 NLT

“He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.””

#7--- Matthew 24:14 NLT

“And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.”

#8---Romans 8:26-27 NLT

“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will.”

TRANSITION:

Having shared all this, how do we as Leaders, and ultimately the Body, experience an “**AWAKENING?**” Well, the Scriptures we read, tell us **HOW**.....

- I. **AWAKENED LEADERSHIP REQUIRES “WISDOM!”**

- II. **AWAKENED LEADERSHIP REQUIRES “THE LATTER-RAIN!”**

BibleAsk.com explains the importance of this truth.....

*“With farmers, after planting, a seasonal rain provided moisture for germination and initial growth. This was called the “early rain.” Later, near the time for harvest, another abundant watering was referred to as the latter rain. So while the first rain was important for **germination**, the second rain provided a nourishment that was important for the **harvest**.*

Biblical writers used these terms to describe the visitation of the Holy Spirit upon the church. The “early rain” came at Pentecost to give power to the witness of the gospel. Another outpouring of rain, the latter rain, is coming at earth’s final soul harvest before the second coming of Christ.”

III. AWAKENED LEADERSHIP REQUIRES “THE HOLY SPIRIT INFILLING!”

IV. AWAKENED LEADERSHIP REQUIRES “UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES!”

a. Jesus said, in the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24:32-33.....

“Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door.”

V. AWAKENED LEADERSHIP REQUIRES “UNDERSTANDING THAT THINGS ARE SPEEDING UP!

VI. AWAKENED LEADERSHIP REQUIRES UNDERSTANDING THAT “THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP!”

“In this time of last revival, the sheep must be working. There is no more time for lethargy! The Shepherd can no longer carry the sheep, He must be prepared to feed the new sheep that will be entering the flock!”

VII. AWAKENED LEADERSHIP REQUIRES “PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS!”

a. How do we prepare for the Return of Jesus?.....BY FINISHING THE GREAT COMMISSION!

VIII. AWAKENED LEADERSHIP REQUIRES “PRAYER!”

conclusion

