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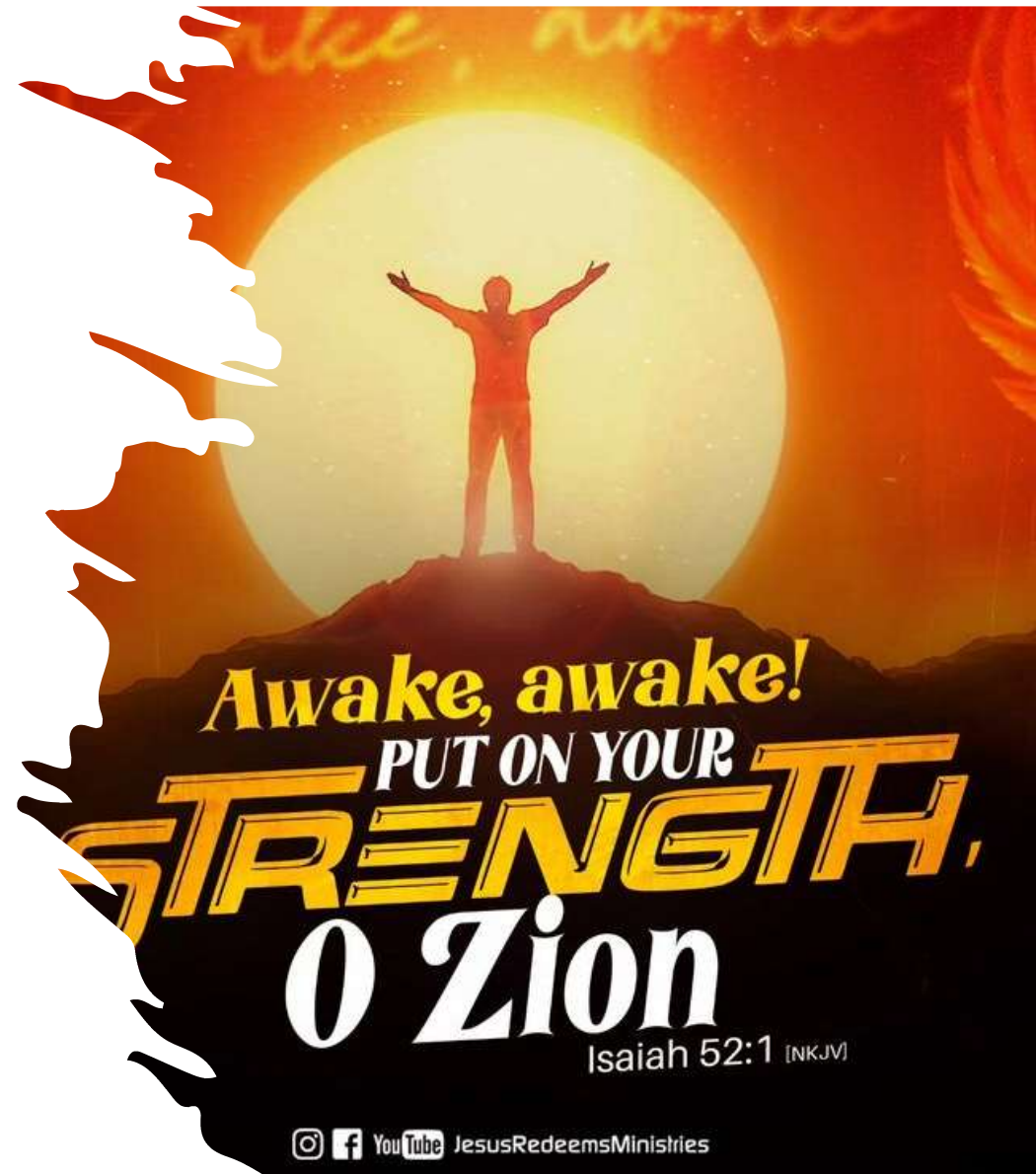


The High Call of THE REMNANT



Message #3

- **Awake, awake;** put on thy **strength,** O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O **Jerusalem, the holy city:** for henceforth there shall no more come into thee **the uncircumcised and the unclean.**
- **Shake thyself from the dust;** arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.
- For thus saith the LORD, **Ye have sold yourselves for nought;** and **ye shall be redeemed without money.** Isaiah 52:1-3
- Wherefore he saith, **Awake** thou that **sleepest,** and **arise** from the **dead,** and **Christ shall give thee light.** Ephesians 5:14



- **Zion** is not only a **PLACE**, it is a **PEOPLE**.
- **Zion** is awakening in this **Third Day**.
 - But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** 2 Peter 3:8
- Those with a new **faith**, a new **courage** and a new **perspective mark** the **corporate, overcoming Church**.
- The people of **Zion** have received a fresh **faith** to arise in the misty dawning of this new day, with fresh **courage** to fearlessly **proclaim all that God is presently saying to His people**, and fresh **perspective** to **order** our lives and ministries from our **seated posture in the heavenly places, from the stand point of the high calling.**



- **Zion** is more than a **PLACE** in the heavenlies.
- Zion is a **PEOPLE**.
- We are **reconnecting** to all those whom God has **foreordained** to walk with us in His one grand, prophetic purpose.
 - For we are his **workmanship**, created in **Christ Jesus (born anew)** unto good works, which God hath **before ordained (predestined)** that we should **walk in them**. Ephesians 2:10
- **Zion**, the **PEOPLE**, is the corporate **Overcomer**.
- Those who are **Overcomers** have “**an EAR to HEAR**.”
- This is addressed seven times in Revelation 2-3.
 - **He that hath an ear**, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh** will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Revelation 2:7



- **Zion** is the **glorious Church**, which branches off from the **One who is the Vine**.
 - **I am the vine, ye are the branches:** He that **abideth** in me, and **I in him**, the same **bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing**. John 15:5
- **Jesus**, the **Tree of Life**, poured out His life on the **tree of death**.
- The corporate **Overcomer** partakes of Eden's dominion.
 - **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;** He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. Revelation 2:11
- Zion's army is **protected**, walking in a **spiritual immunity**.
 - **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;** To him that overcometh will **I give to eat of the hidden manna** (in the Ark of the Covenant as in Hebrews 9:4), and will give him a **white stone**, and in the stone a **new name written**, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*. Revelation 2:17



- Zion's people are partakers of the **divine nature**, the “**hidden manna**” preserved **within the Ark of the Covenant**.
 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of **the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Peter 1:4
 - Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the **golden pot that had manna**, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant. Hebrews 9:4
- Zion's people are the benefactors of a “**white stone**”, which was often used in the social life and judicial customs of the ancients to speak of **light**, and **life**, and **favor**.
- Only those who live in **Zion** will “receive” (seize, embrace, obtain) this.
 - And **he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:**
 - And he shall **rule** them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. Revelation 2:26-27



- Zion's **family** will “**rule**” or shepherd the **nations**.
 - And she brought forth a **man child, who was to rule all nations** with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. Revelation 12:5
- Zion's **sons** and **daughters** are arrayed in “**white raiment**” which is “the **righteousness** of saints”.
 - He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in **white raiment**; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Revelation 3:5
 - And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for **the fine linen is the righteousness of saints**. Revelation 19:8



- Zion's **people** are like **pillars, steadfast** and **upright, steady** in their **character** and **spiritual demeanor**.
 - Him that overcometh will **I make a pillar in the temple of my God**, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him **the name of my God**, and the **name of the city** of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name. Revelation 3:12
- Zion's **company rule** with the Lord from His **place** and seat of **authority**.
 - To him that overcometh will **I grant to sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Revelation 3:21



- John sums up the **sevenfold promise** in the 21st chapter.
- The people of **Zion** are “**heirs of God**, and **joint-heirs** with Christ” (Romans 8:17), kept and trained under “**tutors and governors**” (Ephesians 4:11) until the adoption, the “**time appointed of the Father.**” (Galations 4:1)
 - He that overcometh **shall inherit all things**; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
Revelation 21:7
- The word for “**son**” in Revelation 21:7 means “**mature son**”.
- **Zion** is a **PEOPLE**.
- **Zion** is the corporate **Overcomer**.



- His “**high calling**” to us to build a people who will **walk** and **live** in **Zion**, who will **BE Zion!**
- The Hebrew word for “**son**” is **ben**.
- It means “**to build or rebuild**”.
- God’s eternal purpose in Christ is to “**build a son!**”
- We learned in the previous lesson that there are two ways in which “**Zion**” is presented in the Scriptures:
 - First, to designate the **Church** as a whole.
 - But ye are come unto mount **Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. Hebrews 12:22
 - Second, to specify the corporate **Overcomer within the Church**.
 - Because **strait is the gate, and narrow is the way**, which leadeth unto life, and **few there be that find it**. Matthew 7:14



- The narrower theme, the **corporate Overcomer**, is why we are blowing the trumpet in Zion.
- Our passion is to awaken men and women to this highest order, the **high calling**.
- We cry out to a **Most Holy Place** people.
 - That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. John 3:6
- As we learned in our last message, **the Tabernacle of David was in Zion**.
- The **Ark of the Covenant** was placed under a simple, **single tent without a veil** in the place that David had prepared.
 - **So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it.** 1 Chronicles 16:1



- There is a price to pay for all this glory.
- Once you hear this message of “**present truth**” in your spirit, it’s too late!
- As we will see in a later message, **not even the locusts will move you.**
- You are not a human being trying to have a spiritual experience; first and foremost, **you are a spirit being of whom God Almighty is the Father.**
 - Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: **shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?** Hebrews 12:9



- Your **mind** is spiritual – **you have the mind of Christ.**
 - For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 2:16
- Your **appetite** is spiritual – you long for the Word of God.
 - Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I **have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.** Job 23:12
- Those who are hearing **Zion's** trumpet have **pierced ears.**
- In the **seventh year**, the **slave** could go **free.**
- But the slave who loved his master and wanted to stay because of love, not duty, **had his ear pierced at the door.**
 - And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: **Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.** Exodus 21:5-6

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Exodus 21:1-6



- Later in Israel's history, the people **tired of Moses** and his message of present truth (for that day) and **divorced their ear from the voice of Jehovah and His servant**.
 - And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, **Up, make us gods, which shall go before us;** for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.
 - And Aaron said unto them, Break off the **golden earrings**, which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me.
 - And all the people brake off the **golden earrings** which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron.
 - And he received *them* at their hand, and **fashioned it** with a graving tool, after he had made it a **molten calf**: and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
 - And when Aaron saw *it*, he **built an altar before it**; and Aaron **made proclamation**, and said, To morrow *is* a feast to the LORD.
 - And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and **rose up to play**. Exodus 32:1-6



- **Zion's trumpet is sounding**, calling us to the **Day of Atonement** and **a final commitment**.
- As with Ruth, it beckons us to the **threshing floor**.
- Wash the dust, the fine points, off your feet (all those things that you've not allowed the Lord to touch in your life up till now), and **humble yourself at the feet of your Kinsman-Redeemer**.
- It is time for us, especially those in ministry to **sanctify** ourselves, to be **SET APART**.
- Let every preacher and priest **bend over the lip of the laver in intercession, fill it with our tears**, and then **bathe** in it.
 - **Blow the trumpet in Zion**, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Joel 2:15



- The **people of Zion** are the **Manchild Company**.
 - And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a **woman clothed with the sun**, and the **moon** under her feet, and upon her head a **crown of twelve stars**:
 - And she being with **child** cried, travailing in birth, and **pained to be delivered**.
 - And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a **great red dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
 - And **his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and the **dragon** stood before the **woman** which was ready to be delivered, for **to devour her child as soon as it was born**.
 - And **she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne**.
 - And the **woman** fled into the **wilderness**, where she hath **a place prepared of God**, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days (**3 ½ Years**). Revelation 12:1-5





- Many believe the sun-clothed Woman of Revelation to be natural Israel, but natural Israel was never in the heavens.
- This **Woman** is the **Woman of Ephesians**; this **Woman** is the **Church**, the “**freewoman**” of Paul’s allegory.
 - For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a **bondmaid**, the other by a **freewoman**.
 - But he *who was* of the **bondwoman** was born after the **flesh**; but he of the **freewoman** was by **promise**.
 - Which things are an allegory: for these are the **two covenants**; the one from the **mount Sinai**, which gendereth to **bondage**, which is **Agar**.
 - For this **Agar** is mount **Sinai in Arabia**, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in **bondage** with her children.
 - **But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.** Genesis 4:22-26



- This **Woman** is clothed all around with **Christ, the Sun of righteousness**, the **Light** of the world.
 - But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. Malachi 4:2
 - Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12
- The **moon** representing the **law** or the **powers of darkness**, is down **under her feet**.
 - And the **God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen. Romans 16:20
- On her **head** is a **victor's wreath of twelve stars**, denoting **divine order and government**.



- This Church is crying aloud, **travailing in birth** and grievous **pain** to be delivered.
 - For we know **that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain** together until now.
 - And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **even we ourselves groan within ourselves**, waiting for the adoption, to **wit, the redemption of our body**. Romans 8:22-23
- The **arch-enemy** of this **Woman** and her **Manchild** is a great, fire-like **dragon**.
- He has grown from the **serpent** of Genesis 3 due to a steady diet of “dust”.
 - **...dust shall be the serpent's meat...**Isaiah 65:25



- The word “**Philistine**” means, “to wallow in the dust.”
- The first man **Adam** was a **man of dust**.
- The **dragon** stands ready before the **Woman** to swallow down her Child as soon as he is born.
- **The devil hates the Seed.**
 - And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15
- This same pattern is **revealed** by the demonic deeds of **Pharaoh** and **Herod the Great**, who both wanted to kill the seed.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15



- The **Woman**, the **Church**, brings forth a “**man child**”.
- In the Greek this means, “**a male, a son**”.
- The word for “**child**” means “**a mature son**”.
- This son, this **Manchild** is destined to **rule** the nations with a **rod of iron** (authority that **will not yield or bend**).
- This **Manchild** was “**caught up**”(suddenly seized or snatched) unto God, and to His throne (seat of authority; a chair of state having a footstool).



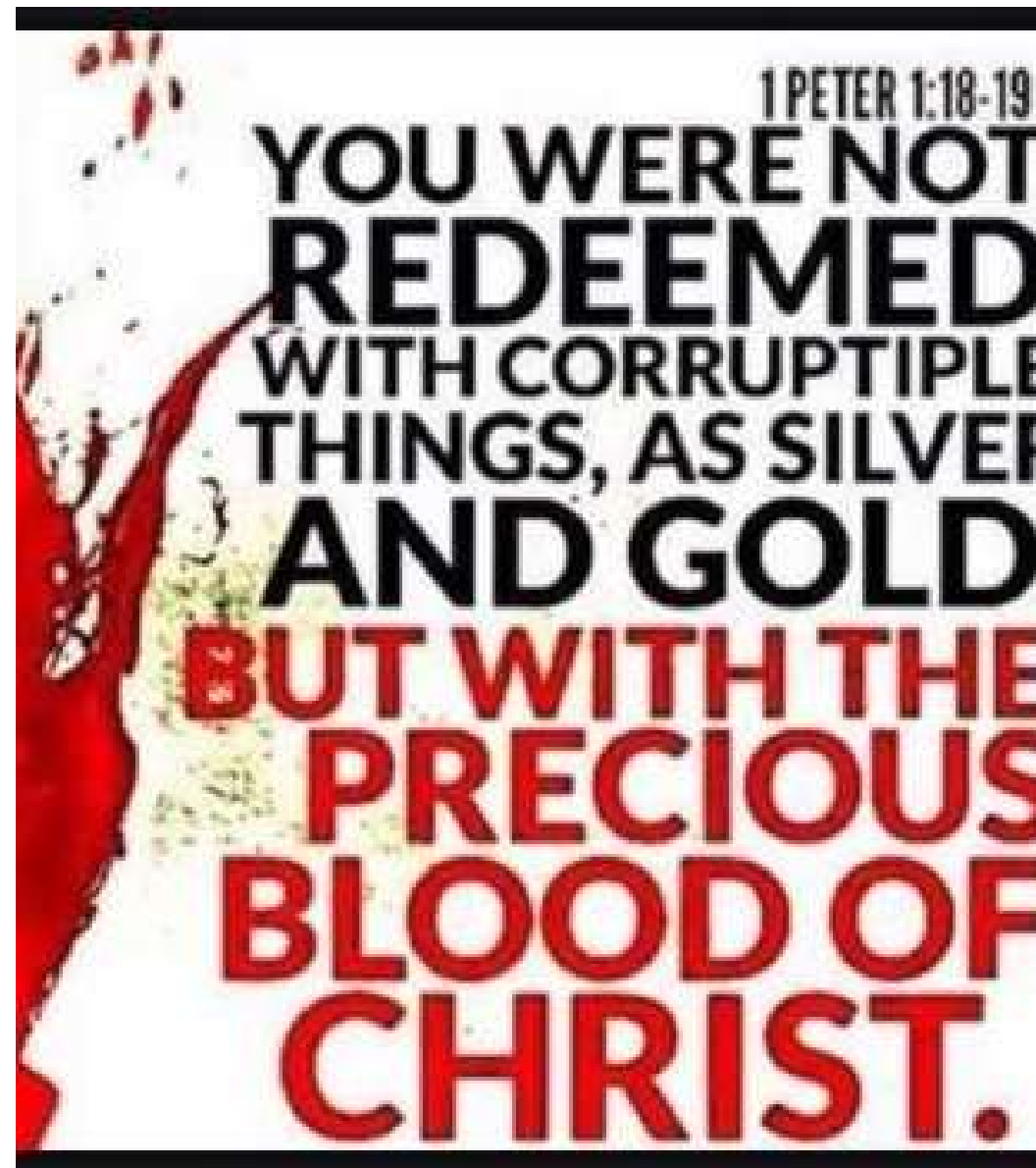
- Revelation 14:1-5 says,
 - And I looked, and, lo, a **Lamb stood on the mount Sion**, and with him an **hundred forty and four thousand**, having his **Father's name (nature) written in their foreheads**.
 - And I heard a **voice** from heaven, as the voice of many **waters**, and as the voice of a great **thunder**: and I heard the voice of **harpers** harping with their harps:
 - And **they sung as it were a new song** before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, **which were redeemed from the earth**.
 - These are they which were not defiled with women; **for they are virgins**. These are they **which follow the Lamb** whithersoever he goeth. These were **redeemed from among men**, *being* the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.
 - And in their mouth was found **no guile**: for they are **without fault** before the throne of God.
- The Lamb standing firm on **Mount Zion is JESUS**.
 - The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29



- A **governmental** people (12 times 12,000) are standing “with” Him there.
- His Father’s **name** (or nature) is written in their foreheads!
- These now have the same relationship with the Father that Jesus had.
- These have the **mind of Christ**.
 - For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ**. 1 Corinthians 2:16
- These overcomers carry the **voice** (sound) of “**many waters**” and the **voice** of **great thunder**, the **roar** of the **Lion** of the **tribe of Judah**.
- The **harpers** speak of **players** and **singers** of **praise**.



- The **144,000** sing a “**new song**” before (in the face of) the **throne**.
- No one could learn (by use and practice) that new song **except** the **Overcomer**.
- These have been “**redeemed**” from the **earth**.
 - Forasmuch as ye know that **ye were not redeemed with corruptible things**, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers. 1 Peter 1:18
- These **prevailers** are **not** soiled, polluted, contaminated, or stained with “**women**”, the **Babylonish religious systems of men**.
 - And in that day seven women (religious systems) shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: **only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach**. Isaiah 4:1



- These **Overcomers** are **virgins**; they are **pure, without mixture, sanctified unto the Lord alone**.
- They **follow Jesus** all the way in the **Most Holy Place**.
- This is the “**firstfruits company**” unto God and the Lamb.
- “**Firstfruits**” mean these **mature early**.
- This troop carries the **undefiled word** and **ministry of reconciliation**.
- This is the **Man** in the throne (**Zion**) with a ministry of the creative spoken word.
- In them is no “**guile**” (lie, falsehood, untruth).
- This **Firstfruits Company** is “**without fault**” (unblemished; unblameable; without stain) before (in the face of) the throne of God!



- Those who **follow the Lamb wherever He goes** know and have said in their hearts: “There is **more to life** than this. There is **more to church** than this. There is **more in God** than this.”
- Most who have grown up in the evangelical and Pentecostal realms have never heard of or read these truths before.
- I hope this message will **awaken** in those who are listening the awareness of a third dimension, a Third Day.
- Do you know what breaks my heart?
- When I look into the eyes of people who have been **apprehended** for the top of the mountain and who are still struggling within, saying, “**Do I really want to go to the top of the mountain?**” “**Do I really want to pay the cost?**”



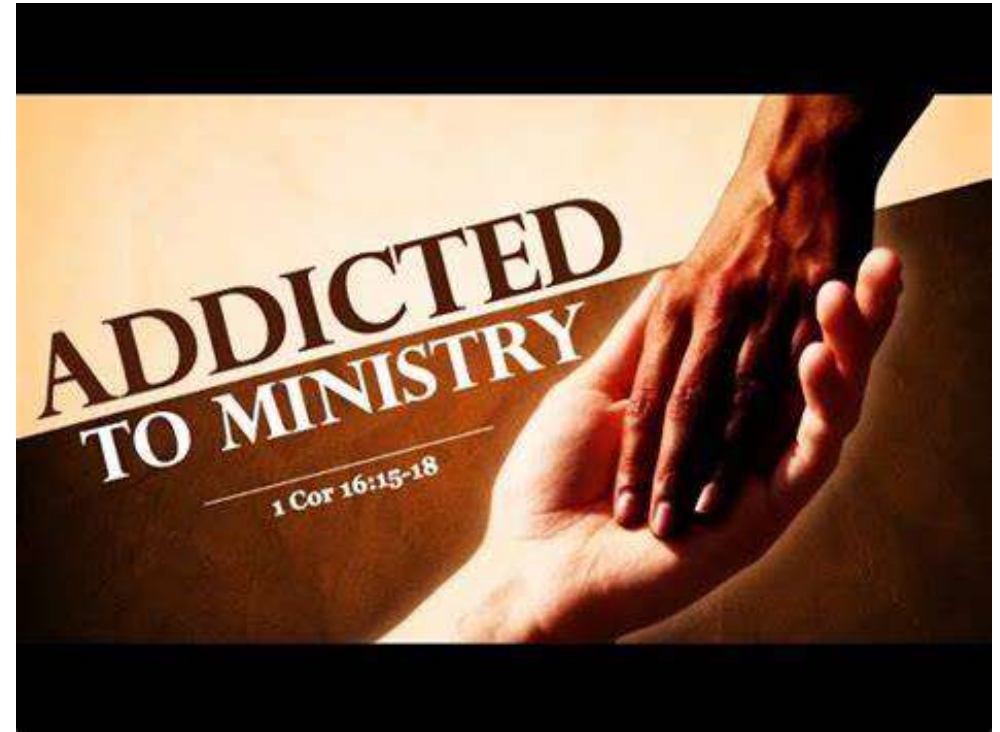
- Many do not realize the **preciousness** of this calling.
- **Some leave the narrow path.**
- Some **think** they hear the voice of God **but are following man's voice instead** of God's.
- Many go from ministry to ministry, church to church, person to person, **like a fish swimming in circles.**
- Some are like Solomon, who was a **wealthy genius**; but everything he built was external.
- Solomon had enough wives and concubines that he had three different women everyday and never repeated himself.
- Solomon had **no fruit of the Spirit within**, so he built gardens and orchards.
- Solomon had **no living water within**, so he built pools that he could see.
- Solomon had **no song within**, so he gathered his choirs to hear.



- **None of these things satisfied the king of wisdom**, who signed, **“All is vanity and vexation of spirit.”**
- **“Vanity”** means **“emptiness** or unsatisfactory, a vapor”.
- Solomon uses the word, **“vanity”**, 38 times in the Book of Ecclesiastes to describe life “under the sun” **rather than life “IN THE SON”**, in Christ.
- The only thing that will satisfy is the **message** and truth about **Zion**.
- The **woman at the well** in John Chapter 4 discovered this life principle.
- Jesus asked, “Where is your husband?”
- She replied, “I do not have a husband.”
- But she had five husbands and was living with number six.
- When she met **the Seventh Man, the Perfect Man**, she dropped her water pot, and **became a water pot**, reaching unto Jesus.
- Then she ran into the city to tell everyone, **“Come, see a Man!”**



- If you have been apprehended for Zion, you will never be a happy camper in this life **until you pursue that calling.**
- Nothing else is going to gratify you.
- There are those of you who are in such a hurry to **go** someplace, and to **do** something, and to **have** something.
- Some of us are radical and are “addicted” to Zion.
 - I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and **that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints**). 1 Corinthians 16:15
- We are carrying a dangerous substance, **the high calling.**
- Once you are **impregnated with this truth about Zion, you will never be the same.**



- In the last lesson, we learned that **Zion** is a **PLACE**.
- In the Book of Isaiah, the word, “**Zion**” is mentioned 46 times.
- In this lesson, we are looking at the book of Psalms, where the psalmist refers to “**Zion**” 47 times.
- In Psalms, the Scriptures reveal that “**Zion**” is a **PEOPLE**.
- The people of Zion are kings, **seated**, and **established**. (Psalms 2:6)
- The people of Zion show forth His **praise**. (Psalms 9:14)
- The people of Zion are called to aid and strengthen the **nations**. (Psalms 20:2)
- The people of Zion are the **joy** of the earth. (Psalms 48:2)
- The people of Zion are **safe** and **secure** in Christ. (Psalms 48:12-13)
- The people of Zion, the light of the **world**, radiate the image of God. (Psalms 50:2)



- The people of Zion bring **salvation, joy, and gladness**. (Psalms 53:6)
- The people of Zion are the **heirs** of God. (Psalms 74:2)
- The people of Zion dwell in **peace**. (Psalms 76:2)
- The people of Zion are the **corporate Man**, established by El-Elyon, the Most High god of the Most Holy Place. (Psalms 87:5).
- The people of Zion receive **mercy, grace, and favor** in the appointed time. (Psalms 102:13)
- The people of Zion are the **place** of His **appearing**. (Psalms 102:16)
- The people of Zion are a people of **might** and **dominion**. (Psalms 110:2).
- The people of Zion constitute a **Kingdom** that **cannot be shaken** or moved. (Psalms 125:1)
- The people of Zion are a company of **dreamers** (like Joseph and Daniel). (Psalms 126:1)
- The people of Zion are **hated** by the **wicked**. (Psalms 129:5)
- The people of Zion are the **habitation** (resting place) of **God**. (Psalm 132:13-14)
- The people of Zion walk in **commanded blessing**, even **life evermore**. (Psalms 133:3)
- The people of Zion **rule** and **reign** with God. (Psalms 146:10)
- The people of Zion are ever **joyful** in their King. (Psalms 149:2)
- **Zion is a PLACE.**
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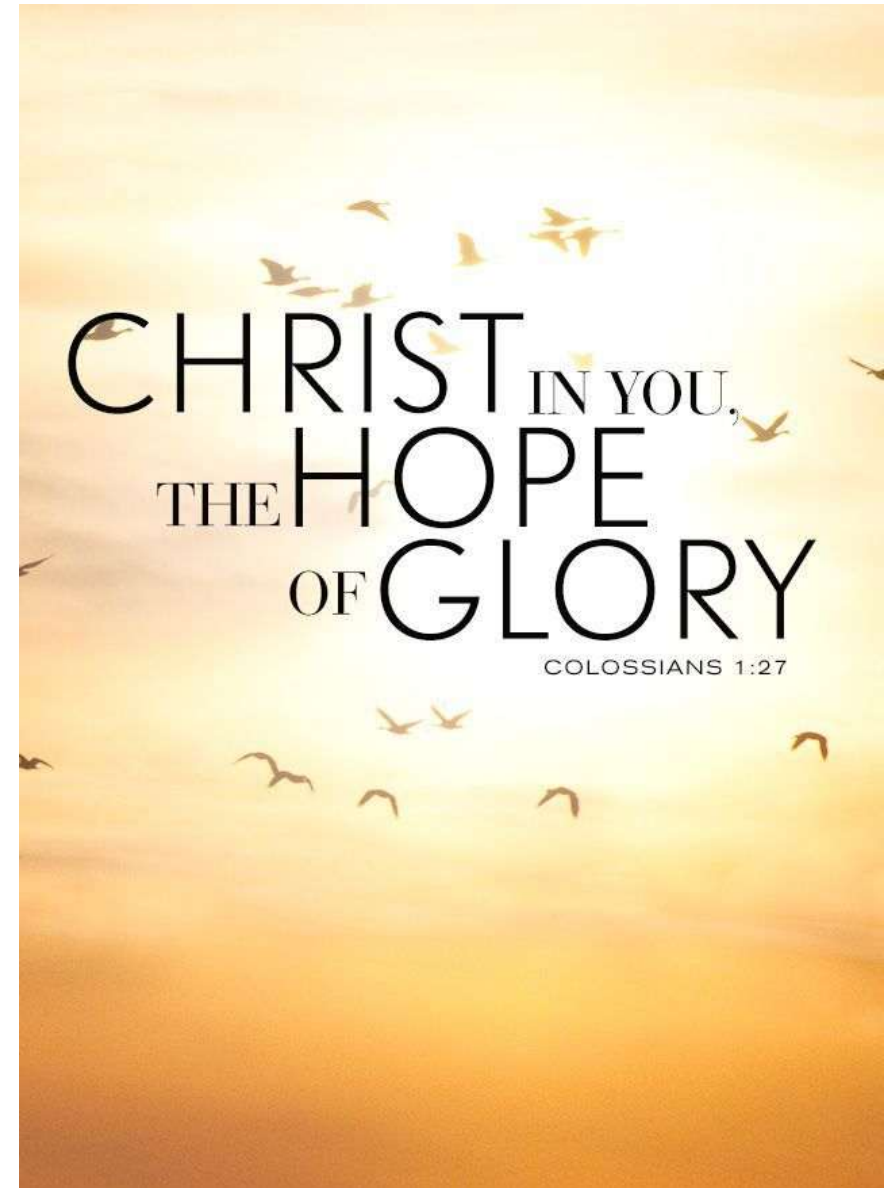
- The one Bible character who outshines every example was a lover of Zion – **David**, the son of Jesse, the **shepherd, giant-killer**, and sweet **psalmist** of Israel.
- David didn't arrive overnight in Zion.
- The young shepherd was minding his own business, tending a few sheep, doing his appointed task.
- Suddenly, the prophet **Samuel** walked into Bethlehem. (1 Samuel 16)
- Amid the interruptions of life, and business as usual, the Word of the Lord cut through the misty dawn.
- All at once, seven brothers were in a power struggle.
- Eliab, Abinadab, and Shammah who were sons of Jesse, David's brothers were all daunting men like King Saul (a picture of human wisdom and human strength).
- Samuel said, Surely these men are anointed. But the Lord said
 - “Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD* seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7



- God had completely refused their natural charisma, and Samuel (who almost missed it) then understood that God was looking for a heart after him.
- God spoke, “**None of these will do. We don’t need another like Saul, who throws spears at everybody who disagrees with his program.**”
- Then Samuel said, “Is there anyone else?”
- Jesse replied, “Just the runt. He has red hair and smells like sheep dung. I’ll call him, but he’s too short and too inexperienced for the job.”
- Samuel studied the teenager with the eyes of the Spirit.
- Then Jehovah whispered, “**This is My anointed. Open the ram’s horn of oil and baptize him with My purpose.**”
- Suddenly, the oil on David’s brow weighed more than the diadem that he would wear one day as king.



- **In the public arena**, the exalted son, David, was **anointed in the midst of his brethren** in the house of his father.
- This was David's first anointing.
- The **exalted son**, the **Son of David**, is "Christ in you"!
 - To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**. Colossians 1:27
- Our steady ascent into **Zion** began when we were **filled** with the **Holy Ghost**.
- This **indwelling Spirit of the Son** changes your life, swallowing up mundane things.
 - And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father**. Galatians 4:6
- This is all done in the midst of the brethren, so that others are blessed to partake of this endowment.



- **David was anointed a second time by the tribe of Judah.**
 - And the men of Judah came, and **there they anointed David** king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, *That the men of Jabeshgilead were they that buried Saul.* 2 Samuel 2:4
- Saul was dead and buried.
- **David became king over “praise” – JUDAH!**
- The next stage of Zion’s ascent takes place when we learn to rule everything that happens to us **by the power of praise.**
- You get to Zion **through Judah.**
- Quit talking about yourself and everybody else and learn to **live by the spirit of praise.**



- David's third anointing came when all the elders in **Hebron** (the place of **unity** and **fellowship**) crowned David and made him lord and king over all things.
 - So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. 2 Samuel 5:3
- They gathered with **one purpose**: to make David king.
- The day will come in our days when **all that we are and all that we do** will be motivated by one principle: **Jesus Christ is King and Lord!**
- Everything else must **bow** and **change to the Lordship of Jesus Christ**.
- He is King over our **money**, over our **children**, over our **minds**, over what we look at and hear, over our conversations – **He is King!**



- God will have a people in the earth called **Zion** through whom He will administrate and resolve every bit of His dominion.
- **To this you are called.**
- This is **who you are.**
- **Zion** is a **PLACE**.
- **Zion** is a **PEOPLE**.
- Did **David** have any problems on the way to **Zion**?
- Three thousand men were deputized by the jealous king of the old order with one job description: **we are going out to the wilderness to hunt David down like a dog, and then assassinate him.**
- **Saul's posse killed 85 priests in Israel** trying to get to David. (1 Samuel 22)



- There were many lonely nights in Adullam's dark cave when the young shepherd cried, "**My God, what have I done?**"
- The Lord replied, "You haven't done anything. You are a man who is **marked for Zion.**"
- The day that **David** brought the **Ark** back to **Zion** (2 Samuel 6), **Michal**, his wife, who was Saul's daughter, was watching him out of the window.
- Once you have been raised in Saul's house, unless you have been delivered, you will be like your daddy.
- But David removed his outer garments, stripped himself, and put on an **ephod**.
- In that moment, **the king also became a priest and danced before the Lord with all his might.**
- He was now **King and Priest!**
- **Zion's** sons are a people of **great passion.**
- We do everything **with all** that is in us.
- **We love what God loves, and we hate God hates.**



- Michal let David have it. She condemned his behavior.
- “You embarrassed me today. That’s a fine way for a king to act. We never danced like that in daddy’s church.”
- But David “**behaved himself wisely**” on the way to **Zion**.
 - And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, **and behaved himself wisely**. 1 Samuel 18:5
 - And **David behaved himself wisely** in all his ways; and the LORD was with him. Wherefore when Saul saw that he **behaved himself very wisely**, he was afraid of him. 1 Samuel 18:14-15
 - Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, *that David behaved himself more wisely* than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by. 1 Samuel 18:30
- This means, “to be **circumspect** and hence, **intelligent, prudent**, to have **insight**, to prosper.”



- With godly zeal David replied, “Do you think I was a mess this week? You wait until next week. I will be wilder than this. What I did offended you, **but it was before the face of the Lord.**”
- **David was more afraid of God than his wife.**
- Michal had a problem the rest of her days.
- Because the daughter of Saul despised Zion, and **hated a man who loved Zion**, she was barren from that moment.
- Never again could she produce anything worthwhile.
 - Therefore **Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.** 2 Samuel 6:23

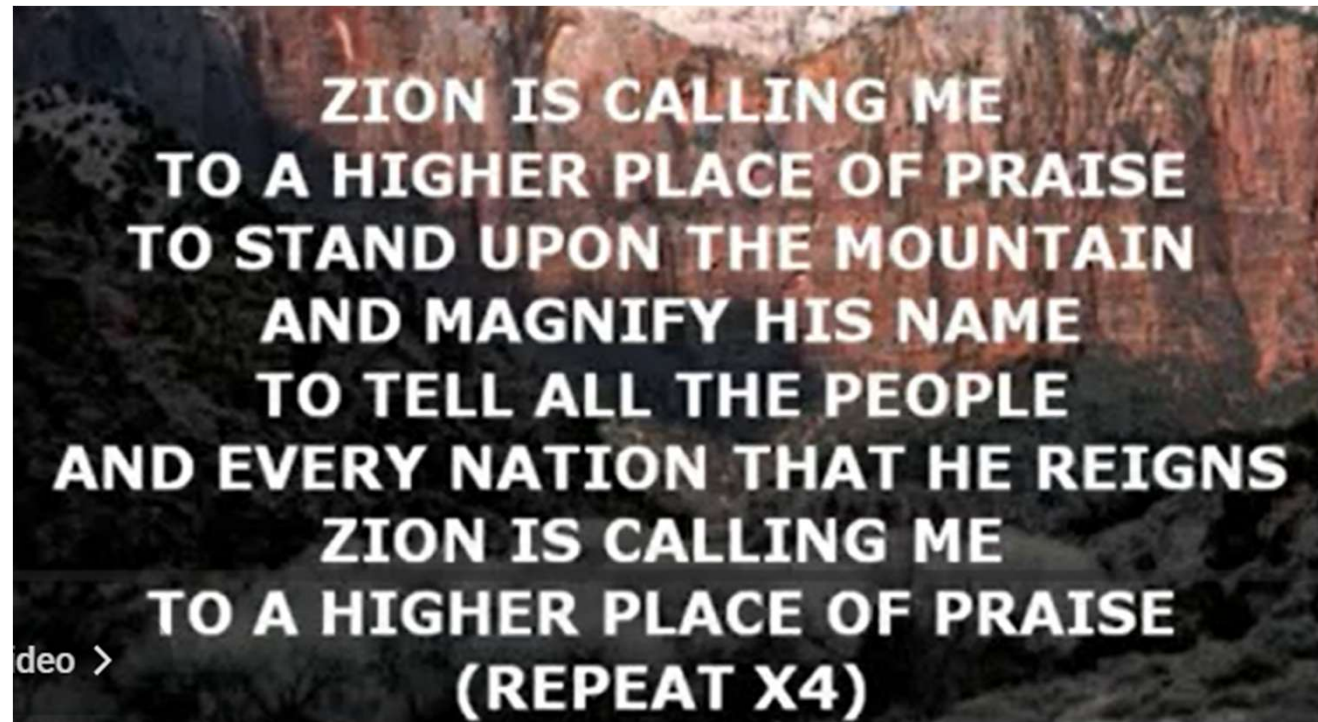


- What God has prepared is “**exceeding abundantly above**” all we can ask or think.
 - The way of life is **above to the wise**, that **he may depart from hell beneath**. Proverbs 15:24
 - Now unto him that is able to do **exceeding abundantly above** all that we ask or think, **according to the power that worketh in us**. Ephesians 3:20
- The **way of life is above**, in Zion.
- **Up here** is **Zion** and **life**.
- **Down there** is **hell** and **death**.
- **Seek those things which are “above.”**
 - If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1



The message of **Joel**,
the trumpeter was
Awake, O Zion!

In our next lesson in
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