

# **Prayer Focus**

November 16-22, 2020

## **Lionhearted - Refining**

Last week I received a vision that I want to share.

While sitting before the Lord in quietness, He said, "I am the Refiner, the Purifier" and then I saw an intense wall of fire.

In the fire, a body emerged, but I understood it not to be a single person, rather the Body of Messiah. As the body was coming toward me through the fire, it was at first very dark, like a shadow. But then, the body became changed, dross was burned off and it became bright, shiny, Gold.

As the body continued toward me, it stepped out of the wall of fire before me - Pure, Radiant White.

During the following hour, Daniel 12:8-10 was highlighted to me:

"8Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, 'My lord, what shall be the end of these things?' 9And he said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 10Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."

"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." Daniel 12:3

### **Clarity**

This year has undoubtedly been one of clarity of vision for many. False idols revealed, repented of, and replaced with Jesus as our singular focus. More time in the Word and in prayer have increased our devotion to and intimacy with our Lord.

Yet, some seem to just be holding on and hoping for things to "go back to 'normal'" or simply get through 2020, as if 2021 will bring change simply because it is a new year.

Others are completely deceived.

### Refining

The Lord is refining us in these times.

The refining process has several steps as I understand:

- 1) Separation,
- 2) Conversion, this can include a dividing, combining, and rearranging, and
- 3) Treatment bringing to a purer state, free from impurities.

May we allow Him to do this work in each one of us as we yield to Him – fully, wholeheartedly.

As stated in Daniel, the wise shall understand, and shine brightly, and turn many to righteousness.

This is the purpose of our refining, to purify us, but also for us to tell others what the Lord has done. The need all around us can only be healed by Jesus Christ, it is our High Calling to share what we have received from Him.

Pastor Jeff Daly's teaching on "It's time to preach repentance" is highly recommended as a way of understanding *how* the refining and purifying takes place. Check the <a href="Prayer Force YouTube channel">Prayer Force YouTube channel</a> for Teachings.

Instructive scriptures included:

"Now after John was arrested and put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God, and saying, The [appointed period of] time is fulfilled (completed), and **the kingdom of God is at hand; repent** (have a change of mind which issues in regret for past sins and in change of conduct for the better) **and believe** (trust in, rely on, and adhere to) the good news (the Gospel)." Mark 1:15 Amplified

"46Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and remission of

sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And you are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:46-48

#### The Lukewarm Church

"14bThese things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15'I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—18I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 3:18-19

# **Lionhearted**

We are stepping into a new era of faith. It is not a time to be on the sideline or shrink back.

We are being called to be lionhearted in this process. Lionhearted means, "courageous, brave" or "brave and determined." See Merriam-Webster and Definitions from Oxford Languages.

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

This video was shared during my prayer hour last week, "Kings are Walking." The lions are unafraid, confident, calm. Male lions, all walking forward together in unity. The word that was given by the Lord for this picture was "My fruit pickers."

"Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries." Philippians 1:27-28a

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life." Philippians 2:14-16a

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love." 1 Corinthians 16-13-14

#### Pray

- Ask Holy Spirit to reveal any areas of your life that need purification. Take time
  to confess and repent, knowing that "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just
  to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9
- That the Body of Messiah would have a renewed awe and holy fear of God. "In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death." Proverbs 14:26-27
- Offer thanksgiving for the Word, and that God's Word is Truth. Pray that the
  Body of Messiah would have a renewed desire to spend time reading the Bible
  and learning its truth. "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth
  through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with
  a pure heart, having been born again...through the word of God which lives and
  abides forever." 1 Peter 1:22-23
- That we shine as lights in this world, and that we would open our mouths "boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel." See Ephesians 6:19
- A quiet, calm, confidence to arise in the Body of Messiah as we prepare for our Coming King.