

Session 4 A Procession to the Stadium, Chariots, and the Sands of Time

I. THE PROCESSION TO THE STADIUM AND ANOINTED YOUNG LEADERS (JULY 3, 1984)

- A. On July 3, 1984, Bob Jones saw the Lord being exalted and carried by a group of young leaders, like the ark of the covenant was carried in David's day (2 Sam. 6). In the future, God would raise up these young people and anoint them with an unusual measure of power to preach the gospel and heal the sick as seen in the book of Acts. They were leading a great procession of people who had been healed through their ministry. Thousands were lined up on both sides of the street, watching a parade walk down Blue Ridge Blvd. from Grandview Road to Arrowhead Stadium. (It would take about 4 hours to walk the 12 miles to the stadium). Bob guessed there were about 35 leaders since the Lord described them as walking on the "highway of holiness" as emphasized in Isaiah 35.
- B. Bob watched the parade, wearing a hospital gown. The Lord told Bob, "***Tell Mike that I will visit him and allow him to stand before Me and see these future leaders.***" (Our church was 15 minutes away. The next year we moved to our FC building next to Blue Ridge, on Grandview Road).
- C. ***From Bob Jones' words:*** "On July 3, 1984, the Lord said, 'These young ones are those who will keep Me high and lifted up all the days of their lives. These are some of the ones that I will release power through. They will be leaders. I will prepare them to bring the glory of God in. They will bring it in through Isaiah 35, the highway of holiness.'"
1. The Lord said, "Pray Psalm 12:1 and cry, 'Help, Lord, for the godly man perishes,' or 'Help, Lord, we don't have any champions who will lift only You up.'" The Lord said, "Bob, I will answer that prayer." He said, "Pray that your faith fails not."
- ¹Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men. (Ps. 12:1)***
2. "So many leaders have brought God shame by selling out to immorality, gold, or fame. He is raising up young people who will not sell out. ***They will serve the Lord all the days of their lives and be faithful to the end.*** He told me that He was bringing up young people with the requirements that they lift Him up and lift nothing higher than Him."
- D. Late one night in August 1984, Augustine called me and said, "The Lord will visit you tonight." That night, in a visionary experience, I stood in a heavenly room that was maybe about 50' x 50'.
- ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.***
(2 Cor. 12:2)
- E. The Lord said to me three times with increasing sternness, "***Young man, if you are impatient, you will cause great harm and much turmoil to many peoples.***" I was wounded with sorrow by this. I thought to myself, "I do not know why I am being rebuked. But it must be right because I am talking to God. I will sort it out later." So, I said to the Lord, "Yes, sir. Yes, sir."

- F. I saw a line of gold-colored chariots that were symbolic of a calling to minister in God’s power. I did not count them (there seemed to be less than 50). One of the chariots came near to me. The Lord said, “Get in the chariot.” I knew it spoke of preaching the gospel with power. It was an invitation, not a commission. I fell and screamed, “No! No!” The Lord said, “Get in the chariot; it has been ordained for you.” I was weeping and saying, “***This is an injustice for a person like me to get in that chariot.***” Two angels picked me up and put me in the chariot. The chariot went high into a vast blue expanse which I knew spoke of the revelation of the knowledge of God.
- G. I looked over my shoulder, and the next person was commanded to get in one of the chariots. He also screamed, “No! No!” Then I heard the same thing happen to the others after him. Each one represented a young person who would be anointed in the years to come. I did not see any faces.
- H. The Lord’s word to me was a warning with the tone of a correction. The word, *patience*, in the New Testament is often translated as *perseverance*. It speaks of following through in obedience, especially when facing temptations, obstacles, and delay. The opposite of patience is quitting.

¹²Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds. (2 Cor. 12:12)

1. Jesus requires those whom He calls to leadership to ***persevere in faithfulness***, including:
 - a. Righteousness and gracious love when facing various temptations and false accusations
 - b. Diligence in seeking Him earnestly, even when some of God’s promises are delayed
 - c. Faithfulness to uphold His values in the face of mundaneness, obstacles, mistreatment, etc.
 - d. Steadiness when criticized for aspects of the message and ministry focus in our assignment
 - e. Endurance to the end as we face persecution (threats, imprisonment, beatings, death, etc.)
2. I have observed many who accepted these values but only persevered with them for maybe 5 to 7 years or so. They slowly drifted from them as they became older, busier, and wealthier.

II. THE SANDS OF TIME (JANUARY 1979)

- A. In January 1979, the Lord showed Bob Jones a vision of the sands by the sea and told him that a generation of young people would come forth, anointed by the Holy Spirit.
- B. ***From Bob Jones’ words:*** “In January 1979, the Lord took me in a vision to the sands by the sea and called it the ***sands of time***. The sea spoke of the nations of the earth. I saw leaders through the generations sticking their hands down into the sands to bring up boxes, saying, ‘Is this the time?’ There was nothing in the box. I heard them say, ‘Are the promises for now?’ Yet it wasn’t for their generation. The Lord told me to reach down into the ***sands of time*** to pull up a box. I said, ‘Lord, they are all empty.’ He said, ‘Open it up.’ I was surprised to see draft notices in it. They said, ‘Greetings, you have been drafted into the army of God.’ He said, ‘I will soon begin to send these letters out to My leaders.’” The Lord was drafting officers into His army at that time and their calling started to get clear. The calling went out to people all over the world from that time.

- C. The Lord told Bob that “in the next generation He would bring forth the best of the bloodline of many family lines to represent His Son in the end times.” Bob explained that those coming after him will walk in a measure of the Spirit beyond other generations—and their children and grandchildren will be the best of all the generations that have ever been on the face of the earth.