

Rehearsing the Word

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Overall Theme:

I've heard some say that everything is prophetic. By that, I would suppose if you inquired of the LORD given any situation, you might possibly hear the Father's heart on that matter or it might trigger spiritual understanding on another. I don't know too many people who try to peer into every situation for a Word from the LORD. Eventually, for those who are continually led by the Spirit, your heart and mind are so tuned to Yahweh's heart and mind, you learn to trust yourself and live a life of operating from and in the prophetic realm.

I find it certainly interesting and intriguing that while we received the prophetic ministry of Dave and Kaitlyn Hoeflein, a series of tornadoes and straight-line winds ripped through our region Sunday morning. Consequently, once we had some time to put it all in perspective, it was refreshing to hear from several folks this past Sunday who shared insight and gave reports of those affected by the storms. (The audio and video of Sunday's message is available online and on The Rock app).

The spiritual illustration of a vortex is definitely prominent in our ecclesia culture. When winds and atmospheric (spiritual conditions) circumstances form, tornadic and hurricane like systems develop in the heavens that most notably rearrange things and impact the earth. When we speak of vortexes in the ecclesia, we are not usually speaking of them in a destructive way. Vortexes repel objects away and draw other objects into its center. A healthy kingdom life and lifestyle does much the same. If we are affecting and influencing our region for Christ and His kingdom, we must constantly be judging situations that currently exist in our life and those which are being introduced....as well as those in the region. Additionally, as we "center" our own lives in and through Christ, we are preaching the gospel of the kingdom in the region to do the same.

As previous residents of the gulf coast of Florida, many folks became indifferent to news of tropical storms and hurricanes approaching. However, in October of 2018, hurricane Michael, which was forecasted as a Category 2 storm quickly escalated to a Category 4 (winds exceeding 150 mph) as it made landfall and most everyone was caught unprepared. Sunday's message was based mainly on Hebrews 10:19-25 which highlights a group of Hebrews who were tired of the persecution associated with their life in Christ and were contemplating going back to religious Judaism. Little did they know, that in three short years, Jerusalem and the entire temple system of Judaism would be destroyed by a hurricane, the Roman empire. From that day forward, only those born and operating by the Spirit would prevail.

Hebrews 10:19-25 highlights:

- The blood of Yahshua gives us boldness to enter the presence of Yahweh.
- Once the veil, separating man and God was torn, a new and living way was inaugurated.
- To engage this new and living way, one must draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.
- One's heart and mind must be washed and cleansed from an evil conscience of doubt and unbelief....the ultimate intention of all demonic activity...robbing you of your faith in Christ.
- Given Yahweh's faithfulness, hold fast your confession of prophetic hope and apostolic faith without wavering, just as Abraham during the fourteen years waiting to receive the promise of Isaac. Don't become weary and despondent in the waiting season.
- Don't just focus on your own needs and feelings, but consider one another and stir up love and good works.
- As you become aware of the "DAY" approaching, prioritize the gatherings of the ecclesia, discerning the Lord's body, the body of Christ, and partake of Him in a worthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27-34).
- When we gather together, assemble (connect) together the gifts and graces that are present in each member of the body, which results in encouragement, exhortation and edification of everyone.

Declarations and Appropriations:

Father, forgive me first and foremost for prioritizing my "body", my personal life and needs over the body of Yahshua and the body of Christ. I repent and change my whole mindset, heart position and perspective to line up with the eventuality of your kingdom come, even though everyday life and living may not clue me in to this ensuing outcome. Holy Spirit, prepare me for a time yet to come, give me new perceptions and a new vocabulary to speak to others who may be sleepwalking through life as Believers. Equip me in Your "house" (ecclesia) and send me forth into all the world, preaching the gospel of the kingdom and its ultimate expression of total consummation....our God is an all-consuming fire.