The Fellowship in Winnipeg

Topic: The foundations of our faith Q&A - II

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Question: In talking about a remnant and the decadence of the conventional church, what can be said about the church having global relevance and influence:

Habakkuk 2:14, Isaiah 2:1-5

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Habakkuk 2:14 KJVS

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 2:1-5 KJVS

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. [2] And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. [3] And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. [4] And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. [5] O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The key prerequisite for global impact is the measure of light, that we allow the Lord to invest in you. The bible says the creature was made subject to vanity in hope.

Romans 8:20 KJVS

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

That which is required to build Christ's texture of life in you is of God. The way God works is in simplicity, as opposed to organized and structured religion as seen with the Pharisees. However, global impact according to the Lord's standard is such that it can be said "So mightily grew the Word of God, that it prevailed".

Isaiah 2:1-5 says that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be exalted and all nations fall into it. This means that the trigger for all nations falling into it, is the magnitude to which the Lord's house be exalted. This exaltation has nothing to do with size of a physical church. Even if you are having a church on every street, that does not amount to nations flowing in, because you need to exulted spiritually. From this elevation, mount Zion, saviours must come upon Mount Zion and they shall rebuke the mount of Edom. This means you cannot be on the plain and hope to topple mount Edom, because Mt Edom is already elevated.

Is it possible to be so yielded to God and be filled with so much grace, but still have a low key ministry? The first question is: Low key from who's standpoint? And Global from who's standpoint?

While we refrain from measuring with a mere human yardstick, we recognize that wherever the river of life is needed, it shall flow. The Lord's command echoes: "Go into the world." This mandate encompasses both physical presence and technological reach.

Why an emphasis on being part of a body? If God will use the individual. Psalm 87.

Psalm 87 provides insight. An individual represents a single person, whereas a body comprises a collection of people. Imagine a soldier entering battle—an exceptional warrior might breach a garrison, taking out ten or twenty adversaries. However, when an entire army stands united, their impact becomes formidable. Remaining within the body ensures safety. Each person, an heir of God, possesses a unique inheritance. In a metaphorical soup, every ingredient plays a vital role. Onions, garlic, ginger, and salt—all contribute. Remove any, and the loss is palpable. Thus, we honor the grace upon each individual, recognizing that the richness of the soup lies in the harmonious blending of diverse elements. From a safety standpoint, impact can be done by an individual, but safety is in numbers.

Psalm 87:1-7 KIVS

His foundation is in the holy mountains. [2] The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. [3] Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah. [4] I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there. [5] And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. [6] The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. [7] As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

The profound connection between Jesus and King David lies in their dual roles: Jesus is both the root from which David sprang forth and the offspring that traces back to David. This intricate relationship holds spiritual significance, revealing divine purposes that extend beyond mere lineage.

Revelations 21:1 shows that in the establishing of Jerusalem, there will be no more sea. According to Isaiah 57:20 and Jude 1:4,13, the wicked is as a troubled sea or raging waves of the sea. This means that in God's agenda for global take over, there will be a time no unbeliever or wicked person. This means there will come a point in the world, where everyone is saved in Christ Jesus. This point in Revelation 11:15 and Revelation 21:1 is similar to when David was crowned king over all Israel. While all the world will be the Israel

of God, there is a people who will make up the capital. This capital is the Jerusalem. This the bride. This will happen in the 1000 years.

This in essence means, that while the whole earth will be chosen and saved of God, not everyone will be Jerusalem. Only those who yield now will make up the bride. In the testimony of Jerusalem, David took the City of David, Zion, before taking Jerusalem. An Israelite might be in Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, but not in the city of David, Zion.

Considering this, we can see why the Lord used this phrase: "The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." Does this mean God is partial, not at all. It just means God has a closer affinity to and appreciation for Zion. Romans 12:1 says present your body as a reasonable service. While Love suffers long and is kind, love will appreciate it when you are reasonable. God is used to deploying grace and watching us do things that are not good and yet he still loves. However, when he sees a people who reciprocate this love, it influences him in a way. God loves us all, but does not necessarily trust us all. When it says, the Lord loves the gates of Zion, it is because Zion has been reasonable and kind to Him and made him suffer shorter than others. Jerusalem will still be in the standard of Zion, but this is simply a time factor.

What constitutes reasonability?

Revelation 14:1-5 KIVS

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 written in their foreheads. [2] 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: [3] 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. [4] 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. [5] And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

1. The Lamb Waits on Mount Zion.

By simply reading the first phrase, the expectation is that there is a lamb and 144,000 lambs. This means that as we begin to testify of reasonability, the first element is that you show up on Mount Zion. Imagine a husband standing at the altar, awaiting his bride. His heart swells with anticipation. This waiting isn't passive; it's faith in action. The Lamb knows they will come, yet faith sustains Him.

He envisions these who were formally weak spiritually as the surplanter Jacob. He rejoices because they've overcome. They've shed faithlessness, immorality, slander, and hatred. Their journey, fueled by His grace, leads them to the mountaintop. And there, they find rest—no more wandering, hearts. To this one, it is said, He that overcomes, he will go no more out.

2. The Name on Their Foreheads: God's Nature Imprinted.

Now, consider the name inscribed on their foreheads. It's not a mere label; it's an imprint of God's nature. The mind—the seat of thoughts, desires, and identity—bears this sacred mark. Their thoughts align with God's truth; their desires mirror His heart. But verse 4 introduces a paradox: they are defiled with women, yet remain virgins. Here, "women" symbolize worldly distractions, false teachings, and idolatry. The Lamb's followers engage with the world, yet their purity remains intact. How? The word "virgin" transcends physicality; it signifies spiritual integrity. These souls haven't mingled with false doctrines or compromised their faith. To understand this better, we will consider Proverbs 7.

Proverbs 7:4-5 KIVS

Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: [5] That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

What is wisdom? Wisdom is a virtue that has cerebral expressions. If it is referring to wisdom as a woman and strange woman as simple or foolish, you will see that ideologies are seen as a woman in relation to the realities that it can produce in your life. If you fellowship with wisdom, it will produce fruits of wisdom in your life.

Hence, not being defiled with women, mean not fellowshipping with ideologies that can defile. Those who will make it to the ultimate are those who would have kept themselves as certain ideologies. In the physical realm, it is seen as ideologies. In the spiritual, it is seen as women. To be virgin hearted means your heart is to be reserved for him.