

What on earth is happening for Heaven's sake?

With all the disruption, upheaval and injustice in the world, it begs the question, "What is going on?"

Is it possible that God has restrained Himself from stopping the tide of evil? That's a loaded question that needs unpacking. So, here are a few observations and insights.

Things too disturbing to go unnoticed and unevaluated:

- 1) **Way too many 'failed' prophetic words and timings.** Long term proven voices seemed to get it wrong. This has been very embarrassing to the body of Christ... no matter which side of politics you're on. I'm confident that God is not into mass shaming of prophetic people. He takes no delight in this. I feel that He's working on something bigger than whether they seemed to get it right or wrong. Something's up. But still, I think that our prophetic hearing needs sober reevaluation and improvement.
- 2) There has been **no justice for criminal wrong doing...** even when criminality is prolific and obvious... and justice seemed imminent, it just disappeared into this air.
- 3) **More public prayer groups and private prayers** have engaged in these matters than ever in history. If prayer was ever to be a determining factor, I think more conscientious Christians gave it a more valiant effort than in all of history.
- 4) **Good men seem to be silent and good men's efforts seem to be silenced.**
- 5) Simultaneously, a **strange disease was allowed to terrorize** the world. And there doesn't seem to be an end in sight. Ominously waiting in the wings: more scheduled plan-demics to be released... more scheduled vaxes ahead... more oppression planned if you don't vax.
- 6) **More 'war' on our freedoms** than in other time in American history: freedom of speech (1st Amend), freedom to choose (health issues - vax), freedom to self-protect (2nd Amend), freedom of religion, etc. Veneration of the plumbline of Truth is nearly absent in our society.
- 7) **Religious practices around the globe were shut down** by this strange disease. This has NEVER happened in history. It looks suspiciously like God is using it to accomplish a greater purpose. (Important: We must never accuse God for creating or causing the disease or plan-demic. Plan-demics are the result of a fallen world and fallen men's choices.) Why would God allow global religion to be interrupted unless His higher goals superseded the temporary setbacks?

And so, what are His goals? Most of us embrace some form of the prophetic word, "God is going to change the expression of Christianity in a single generation." If this word is correct, the things listed above (and more) seem to indicate that we're likely right in the middle of that very 'change'. And if so, then we owe serious and sober reconsideration to any and all on-going religious practices and styles, even our peripheral theologies.

These things above (and more) are too big... and too 'in our face'... to not be given scrutinizing evaluation! The devil is NOT more powerful than God... and Christians have been praying... so these things can only happen if God is restraining Himself.

BTW - My perspective is not a doom and gloom perspective. We have our eyes fixed on God's Kingdom which is always increasing and advancing. (Isa 9:7)

Actually, I believe that God has a Master plan and He's allowing men's evil ways to bring about His

plan. Consider, the devil killing Jesus. Jesus knew what was going down, and He could have stopped it at any time. But He didn't because there was a Master plan. Just when the devil thought he had won... he must have had a catastrophic realization that he had been set up. He had proudly overplayed his hand and blindly carried out God's larger plan. He had just participated in the ultimate redemptive plan for all mankind. But it was too late now!

In the same way, I believe that God is letting the 'sins of the Amorites' get 'filled up' so that He can deal with them with some sense of equity and finality.

In addition: I feel that He wants to wean us off of some of our religious ways. Just one of those ways is the internal mindset and posture of 'crying out' prayer. Yesterday's desperate plaintiff prayers should never be in the hearts or on the lips of mature Saints anymore. Jesus' work on the Cross is Finished... and we're now firmly established in Jesus' Finished Work. Now, we ask Father what He is doing... and then we declare those things as His oracles. This is proactive... full of faith... and confident that His plan is much greater than any of the temporary setbacks.

If we're not sure of what to pray, we could pray like Jesus, *"Is there any other way for this cup to pass? Never-the-less, not my will but Yours be done."*

Also, let me say that I'm very grateful for men of God who go 'on the line' to expose evil... and solicit corporate prayer and supplications. God does see and He cares. And without a doubt the bowls in Heaven are being filled up with the prayers of the Saints. He's just waiting on the proper Heavenly timing.

In the meantime, we give ourselves to Heaven's focus: acclimating ourselves to the Heavenly realities that will be the new M.O. of a new age. When God's divine restraining is accomplished, He will need all-hands-on-deck to reach the masses of a disillusioned world. Our own 'divine detour' into unlearning religion and relearning Heavenly ways will have been the best thing we have ever experienced. It will surprise us how crucial this time was. We 'just happened' to fall into the plan of the Lord and get to participate with Him... even becoming like *"the Sons of Issachar who knew the times and seasons and were able to tell Israel what to do"*.

The following passage may be the most concise summation and road-map of our current time.

Isa 60:1-7

- We are to *"rise and shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."* vs 1
- While, *"darkness covers the earth and gross darkness covers the people"* vs 2
- Then *"the kings will come to the brightness of your rising"* vs 3
- They will *"bring their camels, gold, incense..."* vs 6
- Your *"heart will swell with joy"* vs 5
- As He *"glorifies the house of His glory"* (His people) vs 7

So don't let the tumultuous world-scene discourage you or immobilize you... making you fritter this time away. This is a VERY STRATEGIC time! Divine plans have been enacted. Evil is proudly and ignorantly overplaying its hand. Righteousness is being established behind the scenes where future modes of Kingdom operation are being discovered, tested, exercised and implemented. A new age is now dawning and unlikely leaders will emerge – a la Peter, James and John. Unlikely 'fishermen' will be qualified and thrust into full leadership. God's intricate mind is weaving a beautiful tapestry.

Ask Father how you are to be fitted and fashioned into this grand plan.

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