

PREFACE

This is for the survivors¹ and escapees, the called and chosen, for a time and season yet to be. I have no idea as to the timing, though it does not seem too awfully far off. There won't be very many of you, and the times in which you will find yourselves will not be comfortable nor peaceful, to say the least. To the contrary, the times around you will be fraught with terror, angst and uncharted territory. But, your deepest mindset will be that you love the Lamb, and want to follow Him whithersoever He goes. The violence and struggles are Outer Court; the peace and calm to be within you is Holy Place. These are two vastly distinct dimensions; He will keep you in the latter. You were not called **out** of a place, but **into** a realm where He is the pre-eminent object of your inner focus. As A.W. Tozer said, Jesus will be *all* you will have.

The Remnant will have a mindset common to them all; that mindset will be the complete acknowledgement of Jesus as Sovereign **LORD**. He will be everything to them, 24/7/365. They will be clothed with His Holy Spirit, saturated within and without their being and encased within Him. They will exude His Presence by all they say and do. They will neither Gee nor Haw unless bidden so by Him. In essence, He will be their first and only love.

This enabling power behind this consuming mental focus arises out of the baptism or total immersion of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit-encasing of the person saturates him or her to the point where the person has effectively "put on Christ", or has been clothed with Him. This is the Divine fused into the human.

You will find yourselves in one of three stages of transition:

One; ***you are in the valley of decision***. You know there is something deeper, something closer to God. But commonly, deep, long-standing friendships and personal fidelity to institutions tug at your emotions. A sense of loyalty, 'going down with the ship', as they say, oft neutralizes the undercurrent that something is wrong. There are herein some fairly strong, maybe even harsh-sounding words that may push you out of the valley of decision. Most of those words are in the Outer Court section, for that is where you are.

Within the Outer Court section are mentions of What Is, What's Happening, and being made aware. The two papers, *Gods of the Outer Court* and *The Open Letter to the Shepherds and Elders* are just that. Paul Revere's midnight ride was just that, a stern warning to bring the people to a decision. Go back to sleep and wait for the sword, get up and leave, or get up and get your rifle and fight. Do one or the other.

¹ Joel 2:31-32; Isaiah 37:31-32; Romans 9:27; Nehemiah 1:3.

Two, **a stage of wandering**; of the three, this stage may seem to be the most difficult. But for the good of the whole you have made a decision to leave, but find yourselves listing, wandering, looking, hoping. You will try this place and that place, looking for some fire, some genuine expression of God though you may have little clue what that looks like. Keep looking, asking and waiting. For you the section on the Holy Place, particularly the Entry, is most applicable, and will give you provender for Stage Three.

Three, **Survival Mode**: the fires that will refine you to be part of the Holy and clean Bride are at times daunting, discouraging, disheartening, even disparaging. This is happening as we speak to the Iraqi believers, and those across the Middle East and Africa. It is what did and has happened to the Chinese since 1937. Some of you may die. There are no magic formulas to guide you except the very Presence of the Lamb.

There has been, and will be, an overlapping of the body (action), soul (mental processing), and spirit (unction, sense). Whereas the physical has been heretofore dominant, you will be on a crash course whereby the other end of you, your spirit, will be enlarged and strengthened. You will begin to move instead on a witness of the Spirit.

Your sensitivity to both Evil and the Holy will increase dramatically. Stupor from indulgence will be replaced by alertness and vitality of the Spirit within you, and become the dominant expression of your existence. You will begin to 'hear' the Spirit clearly, understand more on a higher plane, and move according to His movements. Your focus and your attention will rapidly leave the physical Outer Court and shift to the ways of the Holy Place.

If married, you, your wife and family will suddenly be on the same page. Body, soul and spirit will regain their proper balance as He designed; utter joy and contentment will ensue. Fear not, He said, I will be with you.

In Luke 12:35-ff, Jesus admonishes His flock to be always ready, particularly when He is returning. His word for me is in verse 42, "...to give them their portion of nourishment at the proper time, or in due season." There will not be time nor opportunity to write, print and distribute Roadsigns in the flurry of conflict. He follows in verse 48b, "Every one to whom much is given, much is required..."

I have been given much; not all, but some. I only 'see' as He has allowed me to see. My expressions and mental processes reflect how He has made me. The Roadsigns to follow are only that, seemingly insignificant signposts that might help you to go a little further. Some may only be information as to what is, what things look like, how God-things work. I have no idea which words, which turns of expression, which intonations between the lines will be used by the Spirit to inspire, guide, bolster, encourage, restrain or constrain you. No matter; these are for you, His sheep; I just obey as best I can.

I beg your forgiveness if there is an undertone to any of this writing that sounds like I am trying to impose my will or opinions on you. I write what I believe I hear very early in the mornings. There is no intention, explicit or implicit, to convince you one way or the other. My earnest hope is that by being obedient, His Spirit can and will use some of this. I am nothing more than a servant, like you. I believe He has told me to write for your betterment and hope, so much does He love you.

Much herein seems to make little sense; equally much herein is little more than the releasing of thoughts which occurred to me in the early morning hours, on a walk down in the bottom, or simply standing by the workbench. I have been pretty much alone except for my immediate family. There has been sparse professional activity as a geologist; my social life is virtually nil except for the nursing home once a week. Therefore my thoughts are fairly well ensconced in Him, or at least in His business.

I find myself with deep affection for you, and I have no clue what any of you look like, nor do I have any idea as to your personalities. Nonetheless, for a country boy raised where death and life were co-equal, leaving little comprehension of love and affection, perhaps I have more *agape* than I perceive, for this is my sacrifice on your behalf. I would give you hope where little is afforded any other way.

My earnest prayer is that indeed, I may have a word here and there for those of you that are weary. I bless you with all I have in me.

By the time you read this, much will already have come to pass. You have been Divinely chosen to be a survivor through no merit of your own, but strictly by the sovereignty of the Most High. You will find yourself on a pre-determined path², faced with only one option to go here or go there. So it will be with every step, every change. Not to fear; you will see His Glory before you time after time. I have wished many times I could have been so blessed. Godspeed.

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² Acts 17:26