

WORK AT WORK

Personal Priesthood III

WEDNESDAY, March 1

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:1-14

In Deuteronomy 28:1-14 we have the blessing of the covenant which clearly describes the first 300 years of American history. We historically see God's hand in the blessing. We see His hand in the financial development. We see it in the wars the nation fought and won. We see the full measure of the promises outlined in Deuteronomy 28:1-14. There is no doubt the United States of America as a nation qualified for God's blessing in their first 300 years from 1650 to 1950. From 1950 on we have become just as great an advertisement for Deuteronomy 28:15-68 (the judgment) as we ever were for the blessing!

THURSDAY, March 2

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:15-65

The last 50 years of American history contains clear examples of Divine judgments due to disobedience. The covenantal language describing this period is "curses" or "judgments" manifesting from all the different violations of covenant a nation could make. We've seen unusual diseases, according to verse 21. We have experienced catastrophic financial reversal! We have seen an assault on generations of children through the drug culture. We have gone from the leading creditor nation to the chief debtor nation – a larger national debt than any other nation in the world. We've had agricultural infestations. We've had foreigners come in and grow high above us, according to verse 43. And verse 44 says they "...shall lend to us but we shall not lend to them. They shall be the head and we shall be the tail." Many scriptures in Deuteronomy 28:15-68 have come to pass in the last 50 years, proving the nation has departed from God. Perhaps the fullest measure of that departure comes with the understanding of Romans 1.

FRIDAY, March 3

Scripture: Romans 1

In Romans 1 we find a seven-step slide into judgment which a nation can walk through. It begins in verse 21 with the first 4, "...they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened." Verse 22 is #5, "Professing to be wise, they became fools,..." Verse 23 is #6, they began to worship Mother Earth and the creatures. And finally #7 they elect a president to lead who approves homosexuality and lesbianism, promoting it in the military and bringing general destruction to the land. This is the path of Romans 1 which guarantees God the legal right to take a land from a people and give it to somebody else. A nation that walks through all seven-steps to destruction will find they no longer have the legal right to claim their land and possibly for the first time they will face enemies on their own soil. This is the progression we know Scripture outlines with little leeway in this process. The future of nations is in the hands of the Church – will we rise to the occasion?

SATURDAY, March 4

Scripture: Isaiah 5:20-21

The verses say, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!” Isaiah says it is possible to have leadership in the land who are so perverse and so deceived they call good evil and evil good. We have seen that for the last 8 years from the leadership of the land. How can America stand against her enemies when the leadership of the nation continuously violate God’s principles? When you call discrimination against homosexuality evil – the Bible calls you an abomination. It puts you under the condemnation of being so deceived that you call evil good and good evil! God discriminates against all those who embrace homosexuality and lesbianism. Our forefathers discriminated against them. George Washington discriminated against homosexuality. When a man was found to be guilty of practicing that behavior, in the Continental army, within 30 minutes Washington convened the troops and drummed him in disgrace out of the military. George Washington understood God’s word and God’s covenant. He would not allow in the military defending the nation the filth and perversion we have found championed now for 8 years!

SUNDAY, March 5

Scripture: Leviticus 20:1-5

The first section of Leviticus 20 tells us what defiles a nation resulting in loss of land by diminished ability to defend it. In verses 1-5, we’re told the sacrifice of innocent children is a chief culprit. In the last 8 years disposing of unwanted children has reached new heights championed and supported by every single person who voted for Bill Clinton. The following quote comes from the Traditional Values Coalition newsletter and gives us a picture of what we the people who voted for Clinton have put into office. It says, “Abortionists are selling the aborted babies to ‘wholesalers’ with them cutting apart the babies and selling their body parts to the Federal Government, Research companies and Pharmaceutical companies. They are using Internal Revenue service (IRS) approved charities as the middleman in this process. You say, that can’t be true, **chopping up babies like a chicken and selling baby body parts.** But it is true. I have in my hand brochures that offer baby parts. Their order forms call them ‘Fetal Tissue.’

Ears - \$50

Eyes - \$75

Livers - \$125

Intact heads - \$125

Unfragmented brains - \$999

Gonads - \$550 ”

WHAT shall we say to this kind of activity? If we voted for a Democrat or Republican who champions or supports abortion in any way, then we are just as guilty as those actually committing the deeds. In God’s eyes we participate equally by covenantal vote with those who are bringing destruction on the land.

MONDAY, March 6

Scripture: Leviticus 20:22-24

We are told in Leviticus 20:22-23 the land will vomit us out if we walk in the statutes of the nations who fully support all the listed abominations. When we statutorily protect abortion, homosexuality, lesbianism then God’s word says we lose the ability to defend our land. With that in mind we need to ask ourselves if we know which nation has the following military might. Can we name the country who has:

709,000 Regular Service Soldiers

8 Standing Army Divisions

232 Strategic Bombers

293,000 Reserve Troops

20 Airforce & Navy Air wings

with 2,000 Combat Aircraft

13 Strategic Ballistic Missile

Submarines with 3,114 Nuclear

Warheads

Is this country, Russia? Is it Red China? Is it Great Britain? No. This is the sum total of military arsenal **assets lost or destroyed** by the Clinton Administration in just 8 years.

TUESDAY, March 7

Scripture: Leviticus 20:22-24

I just spent 30 minutes talking with a Baptist Navy Chaplain Commander with 14 years in the Service. The word every year has been major cutbacks continue until the Navy doesn't even know how they are going to fly. The discouragement among the troops has never been greater. Pilots are bailing out in droves. The conduct of the current Democratic Administration and Republican Congress has been treasonous. God's judgment marches on – where is the Church when it is the only institution with the answer!

WEDNESDAY, March 8

Scripture: Matthew 7:21-23

How did our nation get in such a mess? We probably won't like the answer! Matthew 7:21-23 is a very interesting passage many often wonder what it means? It is the pronouncement of the Lord Jesus Christ that many on the Judgment Day will look at Him and say, "Lord, we belong in the kingdom." But He will look at them and say, "I don't know you." They will say, "We prophesied in Your name, we cast out demons in Your name and have done many wonders in Your name." And Jesus said, "...then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" How is it we can call ourselves Christians and continually vote for people who violate the eternal covenant of God and support the destruction of our nation. How strong is the covenantal power of the vote? Will you be surprised on Judgment Day to find out the people who were much more Democrats and Republicans than Christians are absent from eternity? What will we say if the Lord speaks Matthew 7:21-23 to them because they supported candidates that brought destruction to the land. We need to realize how **serious** God is about His word. He is **serious** about the covenantal power of the vote and it's time the Church made a decision about whether we're Christians – or – Democrats and Republicans! If we're Christians – we need to vote like it! If we have to support candidates like Alan Keyes, who don't have a chance of making it, yet, their heart is right, they obviously speak for the Lord, they have a prophetic anointing, and they are speaking the **truth**. Party affiliation can be a snare and trap. If we're Christians, we must apply a biblical yardstick and let the chips fall where they will. A violation of this principle makes us guilty by covenantal association with the perpetrator of deeds we put in office.

THURSDAY, March 9

Scripture: Hebrews 10:10-25

There is no doubt about the fact we're in a position of facing the loss of our nation through covenantal judgment. Are we willing to sit idly by and watch it go into destruction or is there a biblical answer we can embrace? I believe God has given us a biblical answer we can embrace, and part of it is in Hebrews 10:10-25. The answer is the priesthood of the believer as we practice our covenant in the Throne Room. Hebrews 10:13 tells us the Lord Jesus has been made to sit at the right hand of God until His enemies are made His footstool. Then it goes on to tell us how this happens. Victory is birthed as believers march through the veil into the holy of holies with a true heart, established in full assurance of faith, and they do business with the King of kings and Lord of lords. The answer is in our priesthood as we participate in the Throne Room. The question is, how many of us have a true heart with full assurance of faith because our heart is sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies have been washed with pure water? The priesthood that makes a difference in the last days is the one that has a confidence to go before the Lord with a clear conscience and can stand in God's presence face to face uncondemned. These are the people who will get the job done. I believe through God's covenant we

can turn captivity and judgment which, at this point are well deserved. But we need to understand our covenant and we must embrace our priesthood. For example, everybody knows Jesus made us kings and priests. Question: what is the first thing a priest does when we go into the Throne Room? When we can answer that question by experience we are well on our way to moving toward what God has for us.

FRIDAY, March 10

Scripture: Numbers 1:49-53

There were two types of priests in the same family in the Old Testament. One of the things we see about the Levites, who were the servants of Aaron, is that God strategically placed the Levites for a purpose and gave them a specific assignment. Verse 52 says, “The children of Israel shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own standard, according to their armies; but the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel;....” So the Levites had the job of being a barrier between God and the sin of the people. As long as they performed their job as a barrier there was no wrath or judgment on the congregation. But what happened when the Levites did not perform their service? Wrath and judgment came much more quickly on the congregation. When the Church is not doing its job, wrath and judgment can descend on the nation rather quickly. It’s obvious the Church has not been doing its job when we look at the kind of leadership God has given us over the past few years. It has been a judgment on the Church’s refusal to walk in its’ priesthood and now we see that judgment coming upon the whole land. Until we’re willing to face our responsibility then we don’t really qualify to move on with God to the answer our priesthood can bring.

SATURDAY, March 11

Scripture: Exodus 32:7-10

Here we find God in the judgment-mode concerning Israel, but the priest is doing his job. Moses goes before the Lord and begins to intercede. We see God responding to this intercession in verse 10 when He says, “Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and that I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.” Moses, doing his job as a priest, brought a very straight forward response from the Lord. But Moses did not want to start all over again. He was probably thinking “I’m too old for this, forget it – we’re going on from here as a nation or we’re not going at all.” So Moses’ intercession becomes an example of priesthood that saves the nation.

SUNDAY, March 12

Scripture: Exodus 32:19-20

Moses is so proficient in his priesthood that he turns the sin of the molten calf into an event which purifies each person by supernaturally gaining from God a knowledge of chemistry. Moses grounds everything fine – not once but twice – and chemists tell us today that gold will suspend at that fine a level in water turning the water into a blood red color. And if you drink it, it becomes a purifier in your body. So Moses not only interceded to save the people, he took their sin and turned it into a purifying event for the whole nation. This is the example of how we are to proceed as priests and what we are to look for. To turn the curse and the abomination into a blessing is our job. Once we accept that call and move in it, we may be laying the foundation for future generations.

MONDAY, March 13

Scripture: Exodus 32:25-29

We find from this passage a call for the priesthood to oppose evil. We have to be consecrated, ordained and choose to oppose in the Lord. This demands, of course, we move our flesh out of the way. Are we really willing as a Church to oppose that which is abomination to the Lord? The priesthood that can go into the

Throne Room and receive an anointing to turn captivity is one that is not afraid to lose its' reputation, not afraid to speak truth and they have no problem in addressing issues which make them very unpopular. Are we willing as a people to stand up and pay the price in the last days to oppose evil in the Church – outside the Church – and receive the consecrated blessing God will give as a result? The Levites were born in opposition. The priests that God needs today probably have to be born the same way.

TUESDAY, March 14

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-18

We need to see priesthood as covenantal and just as Moses went before God based on covenant demanding mercy for His people – we have a covenantal right to stand before the Lord demanding the same thing. The issue of covenant is really a two-edged sword because the level at which we want to function and operate with God is determined by what we ask for. We choose the degree to which we are tested by the level of relationship we demand. We see this in a number of places in Scripture. In Genesis 15 we find Abraham pursuing the Lord concerning the promise for an heir. God comes to him and says, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” But Abram wants more than God’s protection. In verse 2 Abram says, “Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” So God is pursuing Abraham and Abraham is upset because the promise God has already given has not come to pass. God helps Abram out in verse 5 by taking him outside and saying, “Look now toward heaven, count the stars if you are able to number them...and your descendants will be as many as the stars.” In verse 6 Abram “...believed the Lord and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” In verse 7 God proclaims He is the Lord who brought Abram out of Ur of the Chaldeans for the whole purpose of giving him the land to inherit it. Then in verse 8 Abram lays down the level of relationship he wants with God and he puts a demand on God at a new level. He says in verse 8, “And he said, ‘Lord God, how shall I *know* that I will inherit it?’” Abram in one sense was telling God, “Thanks for your word, but Your word is not good enough. You gave me a word over a decade ago about having an heir out of my own body. Nothing has come to pass. I’m sorry I don’t trust Your words anymore. I want something else. How shall I *know*? Just because You say it – doesn’t make me *know* it. You’ve said a lot of things that have not yet come to pass!” In one sense, Abram was very **bold** to tell God His word was not enough, and yet we have to understand the honesty of a natural progression in relationship where failure to perform brings doubt. Abraham is demanding to *know* that God will complete what He has promised. As Abram set this level of relationship – notice God was not offended! God’s answer to Abram’s demand to *know* is something we call *covenant*.

WEDNESDAY, March 15

Scripture: Genesis 15:9-16

God came to Abram with an answer in verse 13, “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.” God was not offended by Abram’s demand to *know* that what He promised would come to pass. God had promised other things and they had not come to pass and Abram started this discourse out by telling God that very thing. So Abram is the one who sets the level of covenant at which he wants to do business with God. And he says, “I’m sorry but Your word is not good enough. I want to *know*.” God’s answer to Abram’s demand to *know* needs to be in a measure our answer. God’s answer was the initiation of what we now know as *covenant*. God extended covenant to Abram. The Bible is the story of two covenants – the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Within the covenant we have a right to set the level of relationship at which we’re going to *know* the Lord. The level which we set is the level at which we are tested by God. We need to understand that. Many of us have not understood the origin of adversity ever present when we asked God to give us a nation in repentance.

THURSDAY, March 16

Scripture: Genesis 22

In Genesis 22 we see just as Abram demanded to *know* God would bring to pass what was promised, God reserved the right to test Abram at the same level of fulfillment Abram was demanding from God. We see that in Genesis 22 when God tells him to take Isaac, his only son, up the mountain and sacrifice him. This becomes clear in verses 10-12 because Scripture says, “Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I *know* that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son your only son, from Me.’” Suddenly we realize the ways of the Lord dictate that to the very same level we demand to know God – God comes back and tests us at that level. This principle continues to this very day. This principle we find throughout the Bible and therefore if we are going to enter in to the Throne Room as priests, demanding the anointing to turn the captivity of a nation, we must understand it does not come free – there is a price. And the price we encounter is set by the level of what we ask. Asking for great authority and anointing – guarantees great adversity and testing.

FRIDAY, March 17

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-11

Is this principle in the New Testament? I can almost hear some saying “We certainly are New Testament people. We want to see this in the New Testament.” In Philippians 3 we read that Paul demands to *know* God in a very distinct and strong level of revelation and power. We are plainly told this. As a matter of fact, beginning in verse 8 we find, “But indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,...” That is a dramatic declaration Paul wants not only to move in the resurrection power of God, but he wants to know the Lord in the fellowship of His sufferings – even being conformed to His death. That is a dramatic demand to put on God. We must ask ourselves, “What does this mean?” According to the pattern of Abraham does this mean God will take Paul through the price to *know* the Lord in this way. Then we have to ask ourselves, “Did this ever happen to Paul? Did Paul ever die and then learn the power of resurrection in his own physical body?”

SATURDAY, March 18

Scripture: Acts 14:11-20

Here in Acts 14:11-20 we discover Paul and Barnabas are ministering in the Lycaonian language. They ministered in such power that people were wanting to sacrifice to them, calling Barnabas, Zeus and Paul, Hermes. They refused to be worshiped and in the process made the people so mad that verses 19 and 20 give the account as following, “Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.” We can ask ourselves, “Did Paul experience either a death or near-death experience?” We have to say Acts 14 records he did. When Paul said in Philippians, “I demand to know You and the power of resurrection” he set the level of the test and subsequently walked through it. He got what he wanted. He did get to know the Lord being conformed to His death and persecution – not once but twice. The end of his life is also recorded for us historically as one of martyrdom. Does God test us at the level of covenant which we demand to walk in? Both Paul and Abraham say dramatically – Yes!

SUNDAY, March 19

Scripture: Mark 10:35-38

In Mark 10:35-38 we find James and John, the sons of Zebedee coming to Jesus with a demand. They said “...we want to sit one on the right hand and one on the left in Your glory.” Jesus spoke an eternal truth which most of us have missed – we ask for things which have a price tag we are unprepared to pay! James and John did it, why shouldn’t we? Jesus told them, “You do not know what you ask. Can you drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” James and John answered, probably glibly, “Yes, we can.” The response Jesus comes back with is pregnant with meaning in the light of Abraham and Paul. He said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;...” What can we say about the covenantal principle of God. To the magnitude we ask for God’s power to be revealed through our lives is the magnitude and level at which we will be tested. We are the ones who set it. It’s not God’s fault. It goes with what we ask for. How many things have you asked for? What magnitude or level of anointing or relationship have you asked for? **And what has it brought to your life?**

MONDAY, March 20

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-12

Jesus came to pay the price for eternal salvation. In the process of getting a name which is above every other name, a name at which every knee must bow in both heaven and earth, in gaining all authority in heaven and earth, we have to ask ourselves, “Was the price then greater than what any other individual had ever paid.” The answer to that, of course, is in the prophets. The answer is a resounding “YES.” Jesus paid a price beyond any other man. We see that in Isaiah 52:13-15 where he says, “Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.” There was a price that went with birthing eternal salvation and the price “...was being marred more than any man.” So the principle is consistent. It starts with Abraham. It goes all the way through Jesus. And we have to say because of the Epistles, it extends until today. We’re the ones that determine the level of adversity we will face in testing by the magnitude of what we ask God for. Does this help us understand why the majority of the Church has not moved in to the priesthood in the magnitude that would turn the captivity of a nation? We see the reason why. The reason is the pricetag!

TUESDAY, March 21

Scripture: Matthew 18:1-4

Perhaps Matthew 18 is a good place for us to start reviewing the price of getting ready for asking God for an anointing that will turn a nation. In Matthew 18 we see Jesus using a little child as an example to the twelve. He says, “Assuredly I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus was saying to people who believed in Him, whose names were written in the Lamb’s book of Life, they needed yet another conversion. This, of course, was a transition to the humility demonstrated by the child. It appears that humility was threefold. #1 the child tuned in and was listening when the call came. Some people miss it because they just don’t hear. He tuned in and was listening for the Master’s voice. #2 he answered when the call came. It is one thing to be listening. It’s entirely another thing to be ready to answer even suspecting what the Lord might want. The 3rd and final demonstration of humility was that he allowed the Lord to place him wherever He wanted him. He knew from that point on his life was not his own. We need to walk these three steps and be established in them in order that we might be fully prepared for what the Lord has in the days ahead.

WEDNESDAY, March 22

Scripture: Matthew 18:5-10

The second step in preparation is dealing with a demand from the Lord that all attitudes not come from our flesh so when we have to oppose our brethren it can be Divine – not personal. Moses violated this principle became offended and struck the rock twice losing his right to enter the land. When we allow our personal feelings to get involved, we usually become offended and oftentimes an offense. If we speak a word to soon or not in the timing of God, it can insulate a person from the very correction God wants to bring.

THURSDAY, March 23

Scripture: Leviticus 16:11-13

We need to know the pattern of the priesthood so we know what the first priority of their activity was beyond the veil. We find the answer in Leviticus 16:11-13. Verses 12 and 13 say, “Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. And he shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die.” How interesting to realize the very first activity done inside the holy of holies was activating the mercy seat. That activation came through praise and worship of which the incense is a type. Our issue as priests is to not proclaim, necessarily, the judgment of God on our country, but it is like Moses to go before the Lord, activate His mercy and then bring forth a deliverance!

FRIDAY, March 24

Scripture: Leviticus 16:14-22

The next activity, after activating the mercy of God, was atoning for the sin. The Aaronic priesthood dealt with sin and they made the atonement. We need to realize that Jesus has bought and paid for the full atoning work of God. Our issue then becomes one of obedience in walking out the pattern. We need to ask ourselves, “Can we energize the mercy of God for a nation if we have not proved ourselves faithful to energize the mercy of God for each other?” The formation here and path God led the priests in is an issue for us in walking out the priestly demand for manifesting an anointing that turns a country. How can we ever energize mercy for a nation until we prove faithful energizing the mercy for each other? God has provided the boot camp of preparation in our local churches where we are forced to deal with unlovely people. Will we break ranks and forfeit the prize -or- will we stay, deal with our offenses, energize the mercy and walk out the pattern?

SATURDAY, March 25

Scripture: Hebrews 9:1-25; Revelation 1:4b-6

God says we are to come near with our hearts sprinkled clean and to be free from an evil conscience in true assurance of faith. Then we have to ask ourselves, “What do we do when we draw near in this condition?” The answer in Revelation 1 is what God has made us. He “...has made us kings and priests.” The issue of being a king and a priest is the foundation for all covenantal business to be done before the Throne. Our service before the Lord is the service of a personal priesthood. It is a service of a king and a priest made so by the Lord Jesus Christ for His purposes in the earth. Declare a thing that it may be established.

SUNDAY, March 26

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 8:2-4; Revelation 1:4b-6

The issue of being made a king and a priest together is also the issue of what it means to be a king in Scripture. Kings in Scripture had scribes who followed them around every place they went for a very good reason, because the word of a king became law. The scribe wrote it down and once it was written, the routing

process became the codification process and it became a statute. Ecclesiastes 8:4 says, “Where the word of a king is, there is power; And who may say to him, ‘What are you doing?’” God says He has made us kings and priests, it’s obvious He expects us to come before His throne making covenantal declarations that are law in the realm of the spirit with the authority only He can give. This is the call of a New Covenant priest. Are we doing our job? Are we participating? Are we declaring God’s will over our friends and neighbors?

MONDAY, March 27

Scripture: Mark 11:5-11

Before any action was ever taken, Jesus fully and completely surveyed the condition of the temple. In many ways it feels like this is what the Lord is doing today – He has come in to survey the condition of the saints, the condition of churches, the condition of the nation. Verse 11 says, “And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.” It is obvious here there will be no activity until the Lord has fully surveyed the condition of all involved, then He begins to generate an action plan to bring necessary changes.

TUESDAY, March 28

Scripture: Mark 11:12-14

Jesus made quite a comment when He said within the hearing of the twelve, “‘Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.’ And His disciples heard it.” Jesus is either having a “bad hair day” or He is setting up the disciples to learn a major spiritual truth. We have to speculate God was fully preparing to clean house in the temple while opening their understanding to the covenantal authority accompanying our words when we speak God’s purposes. We must be in the spirit for this authority to be released.

WEDNESDAY, March 29

Scripture: Mark 11:15-19

Suddenly we have in the actions of Jesus a total and complete turning of temple business upside down. His teaching was very short, but it was to the point. “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” It is obvious Jesus is very upset and He is turning over the established order so the new order can take root and grow. Jeremiah knew this process when he said the ministry of the prophet is oftentimes more **destructive** than **constructive**, at least we see in Jeremiah 1 where the Lord puts His hand, touches his mouth and says, “...I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, (1) To root out and (2) to pull down, (3) To destroy and (4) to throw down, (5) To build and (6) to plant.” So it’s obvious in the process of transitioning a church, a religious system, or a nation we often find ourselves doing the upheaval first so the new can later be established.

THURSDAY, March 30

Scripture: Mark 11:20-24

In Mark 11 we start to see the full measure of spiritual authority God makes available to His people and the impact it can have! In verses 20-24 we discover the spiritual laws of kingship. Law #1 is to have the faith of God. Law #2 is speak to the defilement and command it to be removed. Law #3 is when we stand declaring and decreeing make sure we forgive. God demands the very mercy which He extended to us, we extend to other people. If we refuse to extend the mercy our covenant demands kingly authority withers and dries up. None of us can afford that. We must walk in the full measure of God’s covenant as He has outlined it.

FRIDAY, March 31

Scripture: Mark 11:25-26

Pure authority is absolutely essential in the last days to make any major impact on the nation. We understand we must extend the mercy of God where it seems like there is definite deserved judgment. Our job is to activate the mercy and then to speak and declare God's freedom, His forgiveness and His blessing. In the early '80's when the Faith Movement reached its pinnacle there was a real crescendo of Divine authority. The problem was most of us, without having had the cross applied to our lives, took that authority and used it for our own personal gain. We spent the anointing on ourselves rather than turning the captivity of our nation. Now we face the loss of our nation and have no choice but to birth a whole new move of the spirit – hopefully with an anointing that will turn this captivity and bring about the renewal and reformation so **desperately needed!**

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12th – 10AM & 7:30PM 13-15th – 7:30PM

**Turn toward God in trials
In troubles great, hang tough
For God who oversees your days
Gives grace that is enough.**

Jayne Houghton