

# W O R D A T W O R K

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Personal Priesthood II

TUESDAY, February 1

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

In Deuteronomy 30:11-20 we find the ratification of the covenant promising Israel their land in Palestine - the promise God initially gave to Abraham, renewed again with Isaac and Jacob. The problem of living in a covenant nation, according to Deuteronomy 30 and other passages, is blessing or judgment is based on choices the people make. We are told very specifically the word is near us, in our mouth and in our heart and we are cautioned if our heart turns away so we do not hear, worshipping other gods and serving them devastation and destruction are guaranteed on the nation. He even calls heaven and earth as a witness concerning the covenant made with the Jewish people, not only with them but with their descendents after them, to love the Lord with all their heart, all their might and all their strength in order that they might dwell in the land. God still covenants with nations for His purposes. It certainly appears America is one of those covenant nations. Many nations from their foundation were dedicated to God and His purposes. You have to ask yourself, as a covenant nation are we experiencing the blessing or the judgment of God?

WEDNESDAY, February 2

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:1-2

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 provides a historical thermometer by which we may assess the spiritual temperature of individual nations to see where they stand. Deuteronomy 28:1-2 outlines for us God's demand concerning covenant. He says if we diligently obey the voice of the Lord, carefully do His commandments, then He will set us high above all nations on the earth. He even goes on to say that all the blessings of the covenant will come on us and overtake us if we obey the voice of the Lord. As we look historically at America we see the first 200 years of America's existence are marked by blessing with God honoring the covenant our Forefathers. But the last 50 years, as the nation has turned more and more toward selfishness, accepting the idolatry of humanism, turning away from God to the pleasures of life, we discover the fruit of judgment. The adversity of Deuteronomy 28:16-66 is in fact our current heritage. We have to admit what Deuteronomy says has certainly been manifesting itself in our midst. Question is – are we really willing to do what it takes to turn it around?

THURSDAY, February 3

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:15

Verse 15 marks a transition in Deuteronomy 28 and it says, “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:....” Verse 15 is a significant transition. It summarizes the judgment passage moving us into intercession where grace and mercy manifest. The power of God has never been complex; in fact, it has always been very simple. The simple root of the matter is – God wants us to be obedient. Out of obedience comes fulfillment, protection and divine purpose is manifested.

#### FRIDAY, February 4

Scripture: Romans 1:18-21

Although we have looked at this before, it is important to understand the necessity of what we're doing in our priesthood before entering the Throne Room. We see a clear picture in Israel's violation of biblical covenant which brought the nation to the point of judgment. If we're going to be the redeemers then we have to know what we are dealing with in the Throne Room. In step one of a seven-step slide to judgment, verse 21 says, "...because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God,...." A perfect example of that is when the Supreme Court threw prayer out of the schools and invented a constitutional principle called "separation of Church and State." Initially when Thomas Jefferson answered a letter from Congregational ministers concerning their problems with his stand and presidential candidacy, he wrote to them and said their concern was not a problem because the Constitution prevented the State from making rules about the Church. Now that has been twisted into exactly the opposite of its intent and application and totally taken out of context. It has been used to keep Church out of government affairs and minimize its input on the life of the nation. This, of course, brings us toward judgment because it silences the very voice needed in a season where *choices* are being made that determine blessing or judgment.

#### SATURDAY, February 5

Scripture: Romans 1:21

Verse 21 continues outlining the second major level when it says, "...nor were thankful,...." Immediately after WWII the pride and arrogance that entered the nation emboldened the Supreme Court to once again rule and outlaw what historically had been part of our nation since its inception. We can no longer support Thanksgiving or do Christmas theme presentations in our schools. In other words we have been denied God's freedom. This comes under the heading of "...nor were they thankful...." Whenever a covenant nation violates this principle they move into a second level of rebellion: the potential judgment of severity of God's dealing grows in depth with each of the seven stages. The last 50 years of American history stands as a witness of God's faithfulness in dealing covenantally. In 50 years America has plummeted from the pinnacle of wealthiest nation to chief debtor nation.

#### SUNDAY, February 6

Scripture: Romans 1:21

The third principle which comes out of verse 21 says, "...but became futile in their thoughts,...." A good example of becoming futile in their thoughts is when the Supreme Court removed the Ten Commandments from our school walls. A nation, which initially chose to honor all biblical principle through its laws and Constitution, turned to deny its heritage. The fruit of removing the Ten Commandments undermining the moral foundation of biblical absolutes has produced undeniable fruit - obvious in the change of problems our schools faced 50 years ago versus what they face today. Fifty years ago guns were not a problem, pregnancy was not a problem, abortion was not a problem, violence was not a problem, drive-by shootings didn't exist, drugs didn't exist on campus. The biggest problem was talking in class. We've come a long way and it's all been a downhill slide to judgment. We must understand we cannot violate God's principles and expect to gain His blessing. Because we are a covenant nation and God has a covenant purpose for the United States, continued rebellion brings deepening judgment.

#### MONDAY, February 7

Scripture: Romans 1:21

Number four, also in verse 21, says, "...and their foolish hearts were darkened...." Number four, for America, has to be the decision made by the Supreme Court in *Roe vs Wade*. In *Roe vs Wade* for the first time in American history the Constitution was bent (perverted) in order to destroy life rather than protect it. The

Supreme Court put a seal on the sexual revolution of the 60's and made abortion on demand the law of the land! The judgment since that time has been appropriate because all of God's judgments have a seed of sin in them. When Pharaoh commanded all Hebrew males killed, fearing a deliverer had been born, he sowed the seed of judgment that took 80 years to reap. The judgment came back on the nation at the Red Sea when all the choice young men of Egypt in their military might were drowned. Just as Pharaoh had decreed all the male children of the Hebrews were to be drowned, 80 years later the judgment came. It is impossible *now* in this time to protect children we do want when we've made it possible to terminate and destroy children we don't want through abortion (terrorism in the womb!). The judgments of God are obvious and they always have in them a seed of the sin. It was true with Lot's wife – she violated the Covenant of Salt Lot his family had with the angels when they ate together. By disobeying the covenant she became an example of the covenant she violated and she was turned into a pillar of salt. Once again we're beginning to see in the United States of America the covenantal judgments of God that have the seed of the sin in them and the violation of God's principle.

#### TUESDAY, February 8

Scripture: Romans 1:22

Verse 22 says, "Professing to be wise, they became fools,...." This, I think, describes Secular Humanism being adopted in place of Christianity as the moral foundation for our educational system. Because Christianity has been rejected for Secular Humanism, man became his own god. That gave birth to Situation Ethics and the sexual revolution of which President Clinton has obviously been a major graduate and proponent. We see from the fruit of immorality exactly what God said we would find and that is venereal and sexual diseases for which we have no cure.

#### WEDNESDAY, February 9

Scripture: Romans 1:23

Verse 23 says, "...and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man – and birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things." This, of course, is step six in the slide to utter judgment and it reveals the rise of an animal rights movement where creatures are exalted over the pinnacle of God's creation – man. This gross perversion demands man suddenly begins to serve and bow to the animals in a role reversal that comes right out of the pit of Hell! A few years ago in the State of Alaska there were two cases fairly close together in which a man who killed a moose was given seven years and a second case in which one man killed another and was given only five years. We have come to a season where "Mother Earth" is being promoted by major presidential candidates and through the guise of environmentalism animals and creation is given rights over man that God never intended them to have. This is exaltation and worship of creatures over men made in the image and likeness of God. This **abomination** brings us into a judgment from which it is very hard to extricate ourselves. All you have to do to promote this idolatry is to covenantally support with your vote those who favor and promote environmentalism. It is a major **abomination** and each individual who votes for a person who has those views will give an account to God for his contribution to the destruction of the nation!

#### THURSDAY, February 10

Scripture: Romans 1:24-32

The seventh and final step to total destruction of a nation is created when the leadership of the country accepts, approves and promotes the **abomination** of homosexuality and lesbianism. It is the final straw! God is justified now in destroying the nation, taking its sovereignty and its land. America came across step number seven with the ascendancy of Bill Clinton to the Presidency. In eight short years as his term comes to a close we are seeing the fruit of that promotion of perversion, which he continues to this day. None of the Services can meet their quotas now in drawing young men to the military. The military has been so cut and brought into destruction that young men and women are not volunteering to fill the spots which are available – and Bill

Clinton is responsible. The judgment of God is obvious upon the covenant nation. We are losing our ability to defend ourselves and we need to make some choices. If the priesthood of the believer does not rise up and do what it is called to do, the judgment will continue until the nation is destroyed. The defense of the nation is passing from the hands of the military to the hands of the praying believers. We have some serious choices to make in the days ahead. Will the Church rise to the occasion or will we forfeit what God has given us in covenant?

#### FRIDAY, February 11

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:23-25

One of the things we see in a season of judgment when a nation has walked down the pathway to destruction, God begins to deal with that nation through His designated ministry gifts. The primary ministry gift for a nation headed toward judgment is the ministry of the prophet. In the spiritual history of Israel, they came to a point where had the prophets done their job it would have extended the life of the nation before the judgment of captivity came, but there was a major dysfunction in the ministry. We can learn, I believe, about the temptations the enemy brings to ministers by studying history: we seem to be in the process of repeating. In Ezekiel 22:25 God speaks volumes about the prophetic ministry when He says, “The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst.” We have to speculate how that might have happened, but it is entirely possible the prophets instead of speaking directly to the sin of the nation began to use their ministry gift to bless people with prophetic words in their own conventions and God says they did nothing to turn the impending judgment of the country but instead made it possible for that judgment to come nearly unnoticed. Is it possible the same temptation is upon the prophets today to go for what sells, to meet the monthly budget vs speaking the truth for the hour?

#### SATURDAY, February 12

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:26-27

These two verses make clear the great temptation which faces ministry today. Verses 26 and 27 say, “Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain.” We find a captivity coming to ministries in the hour of their greatest potential. The captivity which comes to them all huddles under one umbrella – that of mammon. The ministry chose to do that which was profitable vs that which was socially unacceptable and therefore carrying a financial penalty with it. This was the temptation of the priests in Israel’s day when they could have averted the captivity and judgment upon the nation. Its much more profitable to conduct your church in a seeker-sensitive manner rather than speak to the issues of sin, impurity, and unrighteousness that are rampant. We have churches today that have chosen that pattern! Could not Ezekiel 22:26-27 be spoken just as easily today as it was 2500 years ago? What a place to be! History seems to be repeating itself.

#### SUNDAY, February 13

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:28-31

Even in the midst of temptation upon ministry and the impending judgment of a nation – God is still looking for somebody to stand in the gap. Verse 30 says, “So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.” Its obvious God was looking for people to stand in the gap and from the previous verses He was not looking for them in the ranks of the ministry, He was looking for them among the people. Perhaps we can learn the greatest hour of the priesthood of the believer is upon us when we find ministry succumbing to mammon temptations!

Failing the biblical mammon test allows a nation to continue rushing headlong toward judgment. This is the hour for the priesthood of the believer to stand in the gap and do what previous generations had opportunity but failed. Will God give us our nation back? I believe He will if we'll stand in the gap!

MONDAY, February 14

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Scripture: Exodus 19:5-6

Can we accept upon our shoulders the call many of us by tradition have relegated only to those in full time ministry? We must accept the reality that when God called a priesthood He called the whole nation. He wanted every individual involved. They were to have a priestly ministry and that ministry was to be carried out in **relationship with God Himself**. Priesthood cannot be separated from **relationship**. Priesthood flows out of **relationship**. If you're having a hard time accepting the principles of the priesthood of the believer, then perhaps the issue rests in a lack of development of **relationship**. **Relationship with God grows** through praise, prayer and just plain spending time talking to the Heavenly Father. Priesthood flows from **relationship**.

TUESDAY, February 15

Scripture: Exodus 19:9-11

One of the things we have to be prepared to face when we accept our priestly call to stand in the gap is the price tag that goes with the process. When we say "yes" to God, the sanctifying process begins in the realm of the spirit. In the natural it looks like your life falls apart and there is spiritual warfare everywhere. This is the process of separation where we are separated from any hold of anything in the natural and are wholly given over to God's purpose and plan. The price tag weeds out many a believer and even though God sought for somebody to stand before Him – very few were willing to pay the price.

WEDNESDAY, February 16

Scripture: Exodus 19:10, 14, 22 and 20:18-19

We need to realize God came to them three times with the same message so whenever we are at a critical juncture of history and the Lord wants us to rise to the occasion, He will come to us more than once speaking the same things. All the people said "yes" to the Lord but they hadn't figured on the magnitude of the price. God came down and when they really saw what it was going to cost they decided to check out and pass the buck to somebody else, primarily Moses. "Moses, you do it. We'll bring our money in and you go pay the price and you come back and tell us what God is saying." The problem with that process of priesthood is it leaves you dependent on somebody else hearing God for you. How long will the Church walk in a priesthood where they still demand Church leaders pay the price to communicate? I believe we are coming to a season where God will no longer allow other people to hear the Lord for us. We must hear Him ourselves – and *that* may be the acid test we all are facing!

THURSDAY, February 17

Scripture: Exodus 28:1, 41

God wanted the whole nation, every individual, involved in the priesthood, but people backed away and said "No, its to pricey – I refuse to pay that price." So God is stuck with plan "B". What is plan "B"? Exodus 28:1-3 and verse 41 show us plan "B". God wanted the nation. The nation said "no." So then God chose the next smaller unit - a family. The family of Aaron in the tribe of the Levites said "yes." We find in verse 41 they fully accepted not only the price but the priesthood and they were willing to pay the preparational price tag to accomplish God's purpose in priesthood. Is it possible the Lord is still looking for families that will stand before Him in their priesthood so He can turn the captivity of the land?

FRIDAY, February 18

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-6

We need to understand once God initiates a plan, even though He has to move toward a secondary path to gain the original intent, He is not opposed to doing that and while the people may say “no” that does not stop God from wanting a whole nation of priests. All it did was press Him in another direction for fulfilling His original purpose. We finally see the fulfillment of that purpose in Revelation 1:6, “...and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” God had to settle for a family but ultimately He still wanted the nation and He got that nation in the accomplishment of all Jesus did on the Cross. Now every person who says “yes” to Jesus is made a king *and* priest in Christ. Once again we see God’s original intent and purpose come to pass but through a circuitous route that takes nearly 1500 years to accomplish. Does God have a nation?

#### SATURDAY, February 19

Scripture: Hebrews 9:1-8

We see the Heavenly Father’s absolute commitment to bring His original intent and purpose to pass by what is revealed in Hebrews 9:1-8. We see God is 100% determined and committed to accomplishing salvation and therefore making every believer a priest and opening the entrance into the holy of holies for every single individual so we can have the joy of personal relationship with Him as we stand in our priesthood. Are we standing in our priesthood? The condition of our nation indicates the Church is not anywhere close to standing in its’ priesthood.

#### SUNDAY, February 20

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-52

The fruit of the death of Jesus mentioned in Matthew is critical to our understanding of priesthood because the very first thing mentioned after the declaration in verse 50 of Jesus yielding up His spirit is verse 51 which says, “And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;...” This comment in Matthew points us to the fulfillment of the call to a nation of priests because the veil was what separated the “holy of holies” from the rest of the tabernacle. Of course we know from Hebrews this veil signified the way in was not available to every believer. But there is something much more important that happened here in the process because the tearing of the veil in the temple was a two-edged sword. It was both a way in for every believer, but it was also a judgment on the leadership of the Church of that day who had not been conducting their priesthood in a biblical manner. When the veil was ripped in two it revealed what was really in the holy of holies. What was initially in there was the Ark of the Covenant but not so in Herod’s temple. The holy of holies was empty. They had a form of godliness without the power. Is it possible that the adversity, which comes to God’s people in a season of desperation, reveals the absence of what should be resident? Determination to accept nothing but the real is born out of living with the plastic!

#### MONDAY, February 21

Scripture: Jeremiah 3:16

Verse 16 says, “Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,” says the Lord, ‘that they will say no more, “The ark of the covenant of the Lord.” It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore.” Jeremiah prophesied about a season when the ark would be missing in the worship of Israel. It would be gone. In the judgment of the religious system who rejected the very one they claimed to represent, the gospels reveal the first thing that happened in the process of Jesus paying the price was the emptiness of the holy of holies revealed for all to see so every worshipper in the temple knew there was no ark and no God in the holy of holies. Is it possible in the process of preparing for our priesthood the Lord has to lead us into a place where He reveals our spiritual condition?

## TUESDAY, February 22

Scripture: Jeremiah 39:11-14

Here in verses 11-14 we find the judgment which came on Jerusalem also caught Jeremiah, but Jeremiah was extricated and given freedom. We also know in the process of history at this time the Ark of the Covenant was taken by Jeremiah to preserve it somewhere and apparently hidden so it was not consumed or destroyed in the destruction of the temple. The Ark of the Covenant from the days of captivity ceased to be a part of worship in Israel. So we know when Herod rebuilt the temple the thing it lacked was the ark and therefore the Presence – which points to the reason for his rebuilding to start with which was to collect financially from the Jewish people as they re-instituted a form of worship without the power. God is committed to show His people their priesthood without His presence could never make a difference in their lives. We have to have the presence to empower us in our priesthood.

## WEDNESDAY, February 23

Scripture: Hebrews 10:10-13

In Hebrews 10:10-13 we find Jesus paid the price to sanctify us and cause us to stand in His presence. Verse 13 tells us that from that time He is waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. The personal priesthood of the believer was the path God chose to exercise divine authority in the earth and change our physical circumstances. We can change the condition of a nation by exercising our priesthood. We can put the enemy to flight and allow God to have His way in the midst of a nation. Now that is the promise of Hebrews chapter 10. Are we walking in it? Or are we like the people of Exodus 19 and 20 expecting the leadership to do it? We need to change our thinking!

## THURSDAY, February 24

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-25

In Hebrews 10 we progress from the thought of making the enemies His footstool to the process by which it is done. We're invited to come **boldly** into the holy of holies by a new and living way which Jesus consecrated through the veil knowing our high priest is over the house and we're called in verse 22 to "...draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." So the language is clear – we are to **boldly** go into the Throne Room because God has made it available and do face-to-face business with God concerning our family, our place of employment, our business, and the condition of our nation. That priesthood allows us to impact the very nation in which we live! The very act of Christ which opened the holy of holies also revealed those without power. How is it that God always sends something controversial, a move of the Spirit, a great adversity, to tear the flesh and reveal what is really inside?

## FRIDAY, February 25

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

Oftentimes we find there are different giftings within the same family and the question which comes from Exodus 32:1-6 is what kind of leadership priests do we have. We see the pastoral model of Church leadership, which most of us have grown up with, otherwise inherited or been living with for over 200 years. The pastoral model being measured by the pastor's heart opens us up to some unique events that we might often be better off not participating in. Because the pastor has a heart for people and is much more concerned where they are at than the purity in the ways of God is given to tangents which can create some real problems. This is the case with Aaron because Aaron is much more pastoral than Moses. Moses was a prophet. Moses' chief concern is obedience, purity and doing it by the letter, exactly what God ordained and commanded. Moses' mindset really doesn't mean much to Aaron because Aaron doesn't have a heart for rules, he has a heart for people and he understands they have been in bondage for 400 years and they have come out through great

trauma and they just need a break. So it is not a problem to him to have some “party” time. The problem is the “party” got out of hand and this is a tangent which needed some desperate intervention. The issue becomes, once God reveals what is inside – what do we do with what is revealed and what kind of priests do we have leading our church or our group. Its amazing how many congregations are committed to have only the pastoral gift leading their group. Well – the fruit is obvious. God wants all five gifts operational so the Body can be thoroughly prepared to be the warriors, the deliverers, the priests God intended. Now we see a second kind of priest stepping up to deal with the situation that pastor Aaron has opened the door for. Somebody has to clean up the mess and you can’t really fault Aaron for having a heart sensitive to the people. This situation developed out of good intention gone bad. It developed out of a heart for people but without the gifting of foresight and a full understanding of the potential for harm. So Moses steps to the plate as a whole different kind of priest. He operates prophetically and he moves into his intercessory mode before the Throne. Moses is very straight with God. He says, ““Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak and say, “He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from Your fierce wrath and relent from this harm to Your people.”” Moses operating as a prophetic priest stands in the gap and averts the judgment on the people. Here is the picture of deserved judgment being changed, removed, postponed and fruit coming from the process. **Intercession identifies God with the nation.** The only time Moses got in trouble was when he identified wrath with the nation by striking the rock twice. **The prophetic ministry is called to identify God with the nation and therefore turn away the wrath and bring salvation.** What kind of priests are we developing in our churches? Are we developing the prophetic intercessors that can save cities and nations or do we want pastors who will always be concerned with how we feel and what we want and not necessarily what we need?

#### SATURDAY, February 26

Scripture: Exodus 32:15-25

The amazing thing about watching Moses work is he takes the sin of the people and by the wisdom of God grinds it into powder, not once but twice, and puts it on the water. In its colloidal form, gold ground this fine will suspend in water and it turns it to a color of blood red. He made the Israelites drink it and we also know drinking gold ground that fine in water would kill all the impurities in their system. So Moses turns the judgment on idolatry into a cleansing purifying healing agent for the people through his prophetic intercessory priesthood. This is a picture of what can be accomplished in a nation where idolatry can be turned into that which cleanses, purifies, and heals. Are we developing those priests? **Or** are we willing to allow them in our pulpits? **Or** are we running from the true, the full, and the complete five-fold ministry? God gave five because each one needs the other. It’s amazing when we settle and demand only one. Our country is paying the price for the condition of the priesthood in the Church. Isn’t it time we grew up!

#### SUNDAY, February 27

Scripture: Exodus 32:26-29

Finally God leads Moses in an act of separation. Moses declares whoever is on the Lord’s side – let him come to me. The only tribe that crossed the line was willing to leave the “business as usual” “satisfy the flesh” church-mentality. Are we willing? They left their position of security and came over to Moses. This, of course, we know to be the beginning of the Levitical priesthood. In verse 29 Moses said, “Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day, for every man has opposed his son and his brother.” The true prophetic ministry is not afraid to oppose their brothers within the Church and to point them to the truth knowing full well the probable fruit of such action will be complete and total separation, accusation, character assassination, isolation, and loneliness. The true prophetic ministry is willing to challenge the Church, its leadership and its people to change and grow. Are we willing to allow the true prophetic



ministry to stand and do its job? We'll never see the priesthood of the believer that will change a country until we open our pulpits to the true prophetic ministries. May God give the Church the grace to have a hearing ear!

MONDAY, February 28

Scripture: Numbers 1:49-53

In Numbers 1:49-53, we see a visual example God sets for the whole nation from which we can learn. Does God have a purpose in raising up prophetic ministries which seem to be confrontational and oppositional. They seem to thrive on getting in our face and telling us what is wrong! Why does God do that? When the army of Israel was to move notice who God surrounded Himself with on every side. Every side He surrounded Himself with the Levites. They were to camp around the tabernacle of testimony and the Bible tells us in verse 53 of Numbers chapter 1 that the purpose was that there "...be no wrath on the congregation." God's thinking had to be somewhere in this category: "I take the prophetic oppositional people and I surround Myself with them and if they do their job in the congregation there will be no wrath on the people." When we reject the confrontational oppositional prophetic ministry we do hurt to our own soul and we set ourselves up for judgment. It is no wonder the nation continues down the path to judgment – the Church will not allow the oppositional prophetic ministry to take it into repentance and restore it to the point of fruitfulness. Spiritual pride rules.

TUESDAY, February 29

Scripture: Numbers 3:6-13

Finally we need to understand the prophetic ministry and God's purpose as it relates to both us and our church leadership. Perhaps we should ask ourselves - is there wrath on our nation? If there is wrath on our nation then the issue is probably the Church has not been accepting its oppositional prophetic Levites. Where are the prophetic Levites with answers? According to Numbers 3 the prophetic Levites are to serve the Aarons of God. The Aarons of God will never rise to be the priests they are called to be unless the prophetic oppositional Levites are welcomed to complete their assignment. Jesus is the firstborn among many brethren. Aaron was a high priest. Jesus is our High Priest. Hebrews tells us we are to come boldly into the Throne Room. In the Old Testament only the high priest could go into the Throne Room. It is therefore obvious that the Aaronic priesthood was to be a type of the New Testament believer who could go into the very Throne Room and do business face-to-face with God. But what did it take to keep Aaron in that place? It took a prophetic Levite named Moses. Is it possible that we do not have any deliverance in our nations because the Church is not willing to accept the prophetic Levites and understand the necessity of releasing them to bring their heart to the Church so we can be all God called us to be? We need to pray that our leadership gets a revelation of God's purpose and God's plan and that He will raise up the prophetic Levites to serve the people of God and bring them into a place of blessing delivering their nation from captivity. The future of our country is in the hands of the Church. What are we going to do?

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## **MY PRAYER CLOSET**

Oh thank You Lord that I can pray,  
In dealing with my needs today,  
It's holy ground to which I go,  
On bended knee my words do flow.  
First words of praise and reverence too,  
For who You are, and what You do.  
Then comes the time to speak my pain,  
That You might send refreshing rain,  
My hurts, You in compassion hear,  
Not one is lost on absent ear.  
How blessed I am! You hear, You care!  
In this sweet place, You show You're there!

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## **PRAYING FOR YOU**

Our hearts join you to intercede,  
To come before God's face and plead,  
For Father's mercy to be sent,  
And His own grace be evident.  
He knows your heart, He sees your cries,  
His heart's moved by your groans & sighs,  
He knows what you are going through.  
He's promised He'll be there for you!

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