Battle Plan, week 14

June 20, 2020

The Churches of Revelation

The book of Revelation is given to 7 churches. In chapters 2 & 3, specific messages to each church are delivered. Before the Revelation is unfolded, each church is directed on how to prepare.

- ❖ 5 of the 7 are instructed to repent
- for 6 of the 7 specific shortcomings are identified
- all 7 are directed to "Hear what the Spirit says" --- are we good listeners?
- 2 are instructed to "hold on to what you have"
- ❖ 6 of the 7 are told to "overcome"
- ❖ 3 of the 7 are reminded God is aware of their "deeds" ---our actions (or lack thereof) matter
- ❖ 2 are reminded that God opens doors which no one can shut

It seems prudent for us to use those messages to begin to prepare ourselves for what God is doing in the earth now. We do not want to be presumptuous or casual. We want to become great listeners and overcomers. These prayers are formed from the instructions God provided.

Morning Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Hear our prayers today, nothing is hidden from You. Everything is open before Your sight. You know our struggles, the challenges before us, those who oppose what You have called us to. We ask You to silence the voices of those who resist Your purposes. Deliver us from evil. Open wide and effectual doors for the proclamation of the Gospel of Your Kingdom. Give us strength to endure, the wisdom to choose Your pathway and boldness to choose the truth openly. May the name of Jesus be exalted in this generation, amen.

Mid-day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You know the thoughts and intents of our hearts. If there is anything which keeps us from Your best, help us to see. We choose to be earnest and repent. We offer no excuses, no justification--- we do not want to be tolerant of wickedness. In your mercy give us ears to hear, hearts to receive what Your Spirit is saying. Grant us discernment that we might understand. Awaken us as never before to what You have called us to. Let the purposes of God be made manifest throughout the earth, in Jesus' name, amen.

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We choose Your counsel, only in You are we able to overcome. Give us strength and courage that we might be pleasing in Your sight. Forgive us of our selfish ambition, our failure to be aware of Your people. We choose truth, truth in our inmost being. By the power of Your Spirit may we remain true to Your name. We welcome You into our lives. Write a new name for us, a name which reflects Your grace, mercy and power. Kindle within us afresh a love for Your Word and purposes. Grant us all that is needed to live lives of love and faith, service and perseverance ---bring increasing fruitfulness to our efforts. We choose to listen and to overcome, in Jesus' name, amen.