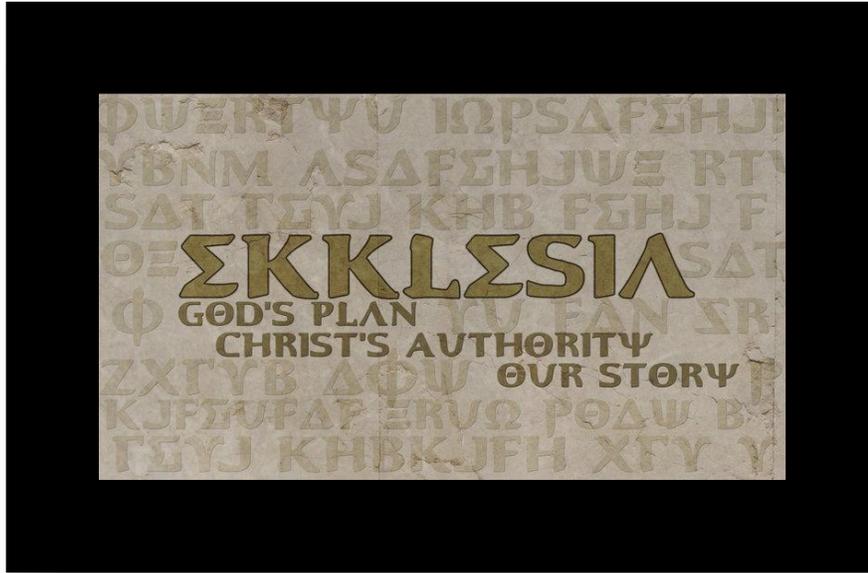


Week 9 - Psalm 18:43-45

Ekklesia Rising



You have delivered me from the strivings of the people;

You have made me head of the nations; a people I have not known shall serve me.

At the hearing of the ear they listen to me; the sons of foreigners shall bow down to me.

The sons of foreigners shall faint and come trembling out of their strongholds.

Ecclesia, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica **was the name given to the governmental assembly** of the city of Athens, duly **convoked (called out)** by proper officers and **possessing all political power** including even juridical functions.

In the chapter, “Ekklesia Now” in Sue Rowe’s book, “Remnant Rising,” Greg Simas writes this, “Ekklesia’s were regularly summoned to actively participate in legislation, declare war, make peace, negotiate treaties, make alliance, elect officials, and more...” “In legal co-operation with the Senate, the Ekklesia had the final decisions in all matters affecting the supreme interests of the state...” [quote by Dean Briggs]

The above verses in Psalm 18 ring out with the sound of victory from one who has been raised up. Throughout this Psalm, King David clearly testifies of what the Lord had done for him; rescued him from his enemies, strengthened, enabled and trained him for war, gives to him the shield of victory and now established his throne and ruler-ship. The throne of David – the Davidic covenant –is a promise God made to David, “*Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.*” [2 Sam. 7:16] It is also a prophetic picture of Christ and His Kingdom coming and reigning forever. In Luke 1:32-33 an angel of the Lord comes to Mary and tells her about the child she will birth. “*He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.*”

Week 8 of Psalm 18 was titled, “The Restoration Of All Things.” As we step into this new season individually and together may we allow God’s love and truth to renew our mindsets about His saving plan for us, about His Son Jesus

Christ, and about ourselves. As we freshly embrace truth may we yield to God's will and purposes and be restored to our rightful position; as his children, as co-heirs with Christ - lifted up with Christ and seated with Him.

God's Plan: *"For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge and condemn the world [that is, to initiate the final judgment of the world], but that the world might be saved through Him."* John 3:16-17

Read Ephesians 1:1-14 slowly and then with a highlighter or with pen and paper note how our Heavenly Father has blessed us in and through Christ.

After you have done this **BE STILL** and let truth settle into deeper places within you. **Truth:** Abba Father chose you before the creation of the world to be holy, blameless and in love predestined you through Christ to be His son/daughter. Enjoy a time of silence until your heart cannot be silent any longer. Give praise to our God and Father in heaven.

Christ's Authority: The Father said of His Son, *"I have anointed and firmly installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain... 'You are My Son; This day [I proclaim] I have begotten You. 'Ask of Me, and I will assuredly give [You] the nations as Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as Your possession."* Psalm 2:6-8

Read Ephesians 1:19-23; Note what the Father raised Christ far above and make a proclamation out of each of these truths. [i.e.: Our Glorious Father raised Christ far above all rule and authority...etc.]

Our Story: *"Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, who are called "Uncircumcision" by those who called themselves "Circumcision," ...remember that at that time you were separated from Christ [excluded from any relationship with Him], alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise [with no share in the sacred Messianic promise and without knowledge of God's agreements], having no hope [in His promise] and [living] in the world without God. **But now [at this very moment] in Christ Jesus you** who once were [so very] far away [from God] **have been brought near by the blood of Christ....and raised up with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenly realms.**"* Ephesians 2:11-13, 2:6

Read Ephesians 2:1-22, 3: then reread but insert a personal pronouns into the text. [i.e. v1-2] *"I was dead in my transgressions and sins in which I used to live when I followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air... [Continue with the other verses in this way]*

Jesus teaches us, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?'" [Mark 11:17, Isaiah 56:7] In the High Priestly Prayer in John 17:6-26, Jesus "demonstrates [practically] to us a supreme example of prayer and the ultimate precedent showing the importance and centrality of prayer for all believers...that if they follow Him they too must be characterized by the same life-posture of prayer engagement...the disciples had to discover themselves His strength and make it operative in their own lives." [quote from "The Church Jesus Prayed For" by Michael Cassidy]

How can we discover Christ's strength and make it operative in our lives? We know all too well apart from Jesus we can do nothing, but what if we lived like we believed we are not apart from Jesus. John 17 unlocks the mystery and the power of the Kingdom three times! **The Key is Christ's indwelling presence!** Read John 17:6-26 and note the following verses. Ask for fresh revelation of the reality of Christ in us.

- Verse 21; **they in us**
- Verse 23; **I in them**
- Verse 26: **I in them**

It's the dawning of a new day! No wonder we have been called into a time of yieldedness. It's time to learn living in a fuller measure of Kingdom - Jesus in us, around us and amidst us. E. Stanley Jones writes it this way, "We had to see the Kingdom in operation in a person. Jesus is the Kingdom of God taking sandals and walking."

Ekklesia rising is taking up our sandals and walking in Christ Jesus – *"in whom we have boldness and confident access to God through faith in Him [that is, our faith gives us sufficient courage to freely and openly approach God through Christ]."* [Ephesians 3:12]

God raises us up with Christ and seats us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. [Ephesians 2:6] Therefore, *"If we belong to him, he conquers and reigns for us, and we conquer and reign through him, and partake of the mercy of our anointed King, which is promised to all his seed for evermore"* [Psalm 18:32]

Prayer: Eph 1:17-20 *"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know Him better. May also the eyes of your heart be enlightened in order for you to know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and His [incomparably] surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength which He worked in Christ in raising Him from the dead."*

Excerpts from; Kent Christmas Prophecy focus 2018 [see link below for video and transcript of this prophetic word]

"The lord says that, "I am now taking hold of the reins of the nations in the earth and of my body and the church. The season of man being in charge is over and I am now going to perform my word of my prophets that they have declared for generations."

"This final move that I am now releasing in the earth", sayeth the Lord, "is not a move that is going to have mixture, but it will be a move of the pure presence of Myself and of the Shekinah glory of God. I am releasing My glory and My presence in the earth because the harvest is now ready", says the Lord "and I have been waiting for laborers to gather the harvest in."

"2018 shall be a beginning of the greatest supernatural display of the power and of the glory of God that man has ever seen. You shall stand in amazement", sayeth God "and even the stories that have been told to you by those of another generation shall not be able to measure up to that which I am getting ready to release in the Body of Christ for the glory of the Lord. For it is my honor", sayeth God "to display My muscle and the power of My might. And though I have been limited", sayeth God, **"I am now no longer limited. For I have an army of believers who have risen up in faith who have declared 'Our God can do anything'."**

The Ekklesia is rising!!! We will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder in the bond of peace and love and together we will lift our voices continuing to intercede on behalf of our families, our communities, our nations and the global Body of Christ. We will declare to the heavenlies, to the air and atmosphere, "Our God can do anything! Nothing is too difficult for Him! We will follow in loving obedience and see the salvation of the Lord across our lands. All honour, all glory, all power are His!

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