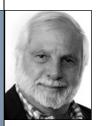
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### A WORD FROM RICKJOYNER The Second American Revolutionary/Civil War

"Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division..." (Luke 12:51).

his Scripture is the same one I led with last month. After I wrote an article for last month's *MorningStar Journal* (these articles are written a month before they are released), I received one of the most powerful dreams I've had about the coming "Second American Revolutionary/Civil War." Though I had no idea at the time, I can now see that last month's article was a perfect preface for this dream. In case you do not get my *Word for the Week*, or did not hear what I presented at our New Year's Conference, I am including a brief on it here as I think it is one of the most important revelations I've been given for our country.

In the dream I had on December 14, 2018, I was shown different attacks coming upon our country. I was also shown those who would be sent out to counter each specific enemy. In the dream, I was waiting in line to be sent to fight one of these enemies when I was approached by an angel and told that I had a different assignment. I was then taken to a large device that was showing "A History of The American Republic from Heaven's Perspective."

I have had similar revelations before about how different heaven's perspective on history is from ours,

but this was specifically about the history of the American Republic. As I watched, I understood that if I walked across the face of this device, on my right I could see that the times progressed toward the present. I decided to go to the end to see heaven's perspective on what was happening now. When I came to the present, there was a sentence written in brilliant glowing letters:

"The Second American Revolutionary/Civil War is inevitable, it is right, and it will be successful."

From what I saw as I walked to see the present, I understood why this Revolutionary/ Civil War was "inevitable," and why it was "right." I also understood how we were already in the first stages of this conflict. I know this leads to many other questions, such as: What are the sides? What are the issues? What is right about it? Most important of all, what does success in this war look like from heaven's perspective?

As the saying goes, "If we do not change our direction we will end up where we are headed." We don't have to be prophets to see that we're headed for civil war. Even so, before this dream I felt that we still had a long way to go before it became "inevitable," so my prayer was that we change our direction and avoid it. In this dream, I saw that we had already crossed that line—it is now upon us. So now, we must change our strategy from trying to avoid it to winning it. To do this we must have the knowledge of two major factors: 1) who the enemy is, and 2) heaven's view of what "successful" looks like.

It is basic military doctrine that you cannot defeat an enemy you cannot see. Spiritually we do not war against flesh and blood, but rather against spiritual forces of darkness. However, these are manifested through people. In this dream, the enemies were the enemies of the American Republic and all it means and stands for. I was also given a glimpse of what heaven's perspective of success was in this conflict. I will elaborate on these over the next few months.

To my surprise, from heaven's perspective, we did not win the Revolutionary War because that war was about more than just gaining our independence from Great Britain. It was about liberty and a revolution in the government of men that would exist for the people instead of the other way around, and also establish and maintain liberty and justice for all.

Obviously, some significant things were accomplished in that war, but there were also some basic ways that it fell far short of what heaven viewed as its ultimate purpose. For example, if the Founders had truly believed what they said in the Declaration of Independence to be the reason they were seeking independence—that all men were created equal—then slavery would not have been possible. Because this ideal and purpose fell so far short of being implemented, the Civil War was inevitable.

If the Civil War had been truly successful, according to heaven's perspective, then there would have been no need for such things as the Civil Rights Movement or many of the conflicts we are still fighting. The Union may have prevailed in crushing the rebellion and ending slavery, but it did not prevail in a way that established liberty and justice for all. Our hypocrisy continued. We will not accomplish our purpose as a nation until we are a place that there truly is liberty and justice for ALL. This is why both the Revolutionary War and Civil War must be fought "Heaven does not expect anything on earth to be perfect in this age. As Scripture states, even the best on the earth is but a shadow of the heavenly, and the best on the earth now will still be but a shadow of what is to come."

again until there is a "successful" conclusion according to heaven's perspective, which is our reason for existing.

Heaven does not expect anything on earth to be perfect in this age. As Scripture states, even the best on the earth is but a shadow of the heavenly, and the best on the earth now will still be but a shadow of what is to come. However, when we are in the shadow of something we are very close to the real. The American Republic is called to be much closer to liberty and justice for all than what we have yet attained. We are called to be an example of these things to the nations, not an example of the dysfunction of government and distortion of justice that we have now become.

This is just one of heaven's major reasons for the existence of the American Republic. We need to understand all of them, and we must also have heaven's perspective on war. We tend to think of war as pitched battles between standing armies, but what is unfolding will not be like the Revolutionary War or the Civil War in that way. However, this does not mean that what we are now facing will be easier, or less costly in lives and resources.

The world is entering the most trying times there have ever been. What we will be given to face them with is a sure hope from above that the outcome will be "successful." There is a new vision and new hope coming to the American Republic that will be so elevating that those who share it will be willing to pay the price that is now our turn to pay.

I certainly expect a word like this to be controversial, and I can understand why most might doubt it at this

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time. I would have myself if I had not had such a dream. For this reason, I understand and expect skepticism about it. Even so, I've been trusted with an important warning and must sound the alarm. A major reason why I will be resolute in this is because I have also seen that the sooner we accept and align ourselves with the purposes of heaven, and resolve to win this war decisively this time, the less costly it will be.

To be decisive, we must see our full purpose and resolve so that we will not fall short of it. Similar battles will be going on in many other nations, if not all of them. This is how it will be determined if they are "sheep or goat nations," according to The Lord's parable of the sheep and goats. In this parable, He said that when He returned, He would divide the nations into these categories. Of this we can be certain.

Years ago, we learned that about 80% of those who follow our ministry are internationals, not from the United States. Even though it may seem that much of what I now address is U.S. centric, and it is in many ways, the same spiritual battles are being fought all over the world. We need to learn from each other.

The U.S. has been one of the major missionary sending countries, but for the last few decades there are many missionaries that have been sent from the nations to us, and we need them. I will share more about this dream in *The MorningStar Journal, The Word for the Week*, and on our *Prophetic Perspectives* MorningStar TV program to help us understand many of the conflicts going on around the world.

Also, at this writing, I am the only one I know who is saying that this "Second American Revolution" is now inevitable, but I'm confident that there will be more saying it in due time. We all see in part and prophesy in part, so I do not have the whole revelation on this. We will need to put the parts together to have the complete picture, which I'm sure will be coming in due time.

Let us also keep in mind that we do not war against "flesh and blood," or people, but rather against the strongholds that keep people in bondage and deception. Our goal is not to conquer others and force their compli"Let us also keep in mind that we do not war against 'flesh and blood,' or people, but rather against the strongholds that keep people in bondage and deception. Our goal is not to conquer others and force their compliance, but to set them free with the truth so that they love the truth and want to obey it."

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The main thing that we need now is to be taught by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and to teach by the same. We do need much greater prophetic authority to sound a clear trumpet call, and we need supernatural wisdom. Even more so, we need the grace and favor of The Lord. The Scriptures are very specific about how we gain these, and we must pursue them more than just strategy.

Please fast and pray for your country. We are entering very trying times, but also a glorious victory. As soon as I saw the word "inevitable," I knew it to be true. I was also able to see some ways in which it is "right." I am searching for more understanding of this, and also what heaven's perspective of "successful" is. I also know that when this is accomplished, it will enable us to reach heights nationally that we have not attained before because we will have the favor of God like we have never experienced before. The journey will be trying, but the destination will be worth it.**1** 

In His Service,

Rick Joyner I Corinthians 15:58



### **Imprecatory Prayers**

#### BY DAVID WHITE

showdown is coming between good and evil, darkness and light, the powers of heaven and hell, and the righteous and the wicked that are alive on the earth. The wicked will use weapons that include lies, deception, manipulation, fear, intimidation, and when possible, governmental force designed to bring people and nations into captivity.

On the other hand, the weapons of the righteous "are not carnal (of the flesh), but mighty in God..." (see II Corinthians 10:4). These weapons are for the pulling down of strongholds releasing the captives of this world into a liberty leading "to the obedience of Christ" (see II Corinthians 10:5). The weapons of the righteous include love, faith, the blood, the name of Jesus, prayer, praise, truth, "and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (see Ephesians 6:17). This includes the written judgments forever established in heaven.

In the early 1990s, while attending a prophetic conference, Dr. Bill Hamon, one of the forerunners in the reemergence of the church's understanding of the nature and purpose of prophetic ministry, spoke something specifically relevant to our times. He said a day was coming where the church would need to understand and begin praying what he called imprecatory prayers. I had never heard of such, but I never forgot his prophecy. That day has arrived.

#### PRAYING IMPRECATORY PRAYERS

Imprecatory praying is all about our agreeing on earth with what has been written and already established in heaven. Christians throughout the generations have gained hope, encouragement, comfort, faith, strength, and promise from reading the Psalms. Yet the Book of Psalms also contains strategies for overcoming the assault brought on by the enemies of righteousness and faith, including prayers to declare on the earth that will define the church's role and enable its participation in releasing the judgments of God. Praying imprecatory prayers puts the enemies to flight where they will suddenly vanish from the land (see Psalm 37:10, 20). Instead of the times defining the church, this strategy of intercession will enable us to define the times.

Along with praying for the kingdom of God to come on earth as it is in heaven, Jesus taught His disciples to pray the will of God be done on earth. His word will, in due season, produce the will of God on earth exactly as it is in heaven! Imprecatory prayer is not placing curses upon our enemies out of vengeance or the wrath of man, which never produces the righteousness of God. Rather, it is our acknowledging God as Supreme, calling upon Him and declaring what He said He would do and who He would be on the earth (see James 1:20, Romans 12:19).

The Scriptures confirm how those who reject God's Word and His commandments are already under a curse—the curse of death. Jesus, whom the Father gave **"authority to execute judgment"** (see John 5:27), set the standard for God's judgments being released on the earth when He said, **"I can of Myself do nothing. As I** hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me" (John 5:30). Imprecatory prayers are not about our will being done or our wrath being fulfilled, but rather our hearing what the Father's will is and praying it to be revealed on the earth.

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Praying imprecatory prayers out of the Psalms is our agreeing with what God has said regarding the wicked with the hope that the wicked will awaken and turn to the Lord before they perish. The Scriptures confirm that the Lord is, **"longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish that all should come to repentance" (see II Peter 3:9)**. Yet, the church is not to stand down when nations and the souls in that nation are at stake. Someone must arise and stand and fight with the weapons given to us from heaven's arsenal.

#### **EXAMPLES OF IMPRECATORY PRAYERS**

King David is a prime example of someone who prayed imprecatory prayers and saw God's power on display. In Psalm 54, David cries out to God to save him. He knew he was no match for those determined to take him out. David knew the One who was mighty and able to save, and he was not going to waste time going to anyone else for help.

David was confident it was not God's will that his enemies succeed as he concluded, **"they have not set God before them" (vs 3)**. David rose up in intercession, acknowledging God as His Helper (vs 4). Then in confidence in God's will to defend him, David boldly declared, **"He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off (destroy them) in Your truth" (Psalm 54:5)**. David called upon God to do what He had already promised He would do.

On another occasion David truthfully defined the fate of his enemies when he wrote, "Their throat is an open tomb; they flatter with their tongue. Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You" (Psalm 5:10). David knew what would eventually happen to those who are in rebellion against God and was declaring what he knew to be God's will. Earlier David wrote, "For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood" (Psalm 5:4-6).

Imprecatory prayer is confidently declaring ourselves as victorious because of the victories assured us in God's Word. In Psalm 118, when surrounded by his enemies "King David is a prime example of someone who prayed imprecatory prayers and saw God's power on display. David knew the One who was mighty and able to save, and he was not going to waste time going to anyone else for help."

"like bees" (see Psalm 118:12), the Psalmist confidently declared, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is for me..." (see Psalm 118:6-7a). Understanding God was with and for him, the Psalmist rose up and went on the offensive by declaring, "You pushed me violently that I might fall, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation" (Psalm 118:13-14). His sword was the established and eternal Word of God!

Still another example is found in Psalm 120:2, where the Psalmist cries out to the Lord: "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips and from a deceitful tongue." He then asked a question that could be asked today: "What shall be given to you, or what shall be done to you, you false tongue?" (Psalm 120:3) The answer was that the lying lips and deceitful tongue would now face the "sharp arrows of the warrior (Mighty One), with coals of the broom tree" (Psalm 120:4). The Message translation interprets this text by reminding those whose tongue is false and deceitful with: "Do you know what's next, can you see what's coming, all you barefaced liars? Pointed arrows and burning coals will be your reward" (Psalm 120:2-4).

Psalms 120 ends with the expressed desire for the writer to be at peace with those who hate him. But peace is not in their heart. The Psalmist comes to understand that he must agree with how God looks at liars rather than himself (see Psalm 120:6-7, Revelation 21:8).

#### THE HERITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD

Praying imprecatory prayers is not necessarily for the novice, but when the circumstances demand and the Holy Spirit confirms, this strategy should be included in the believer's intercession. Isaiah calls this type of prayer as the heritage (the inheritance) of the servants of the Lord (see Isaiah 54:17).

The word translated "**condemn**" refers to our declaring what has been spoken unjustly as wrong and a violation of God's will and Word. Our agreeing and decreeing what God has to say takes precedent over what wicked men or any devil has to say. Someone must speak up and condemn the judgment unjustly spoken. Someone must pull down all that has exalted itself against the truth of God before those words deceive the hearts of the innocent. This is an inheritance belonging to the servants of the Lord and the role of the church of Jesus Christ (see I Timothy 3:15).

In spite of the personal threat she faced by going to the king, Esther rose up to expose Haman's plot against the Jewish people. Refusing to, **"remain completely silent at this time" (see Esther 4:14)** and at great personal risk, Esther intervened and watched how God turned everything around (see Esther 9:1).

The Psalms give a picture of what God did in Esther's day and will do in our day if we too will risk everything and refuse to remain completely silent. God will show Himself strong to those who rise up in faith and intercession against the plans of the enemy.

#### LYING TONGUES

In the Book of James, we read how the tongue is a fire that can defile a whole body. The tongue is described as a world of iniquity, an unruly evil full of deadly poison (see James 3). Jesus addressed this when He said, **"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will** give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37). However, James' warning also applies to a much larger body, such as a nation.

Fake news and lies continually being spoken is a deadly poison. Left unchallenged, this flood of words will defile many and release a fire that can engulf an entire land. David knew this and prayed accordingly (see Psalm 55:1-11). He clearly saw what was taking place through the voice of the enemy, the corrupt politicians and the media of his day. He saw the trouble, violence, deception, strife, oppression, and destruction the enemy's voice was causing. Like Esther, David was called into the kingdom for such a time, just as we are today. David rose up in intercession to confront the voices of his day and cried, **"Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues" (see Psalm 55:9)**—in other words, their lies and fake news.

#### A MYSTERY REVEALED

The Apostle Paul wrote about a mystery that had been hidden from the beginning of the ages, but would be revealed before the end of the age. This mystery was included in God's eternal purposes for the church, which He accomplished in Christ Jesus. It would require the church walk in great boldness and confidence through their faith in Christ:

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him" (Ephesians 3:8-12).

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## Punching Above Your Weight

woman came into our shop, *Spirit*, and asked Aliss if she experienced any enemy backlash from her persistent engagement in the ministries of healing and deliverance. I nearly called over, "Backlash? Aliss eats backlash for breakfast!"

Just think for a minute if that question was being asked of a warrior hero of ancient times (for example, one of the guys from the Sparta 300); a formidable man with a shield and sword, brave, brutal, and battle scarred. How ridiculous would that question seem then? Of course he gets backlash from the enemy, that's his job! He's not intimidated by it, it's normal. It is his pride and honor to fight . . . and to win, or die trying. If the enemy isn't getting a little bothered by us, then surely something is amiss.

Don't get me wrong. We never disrespect the power of our enemy. That would be foolish. Even our Lord Jesus during His testing in the wilderness answered His adversary, Satan, with a degree of respect. We are not called to goad our enemy without reason or invite him directly to "do his worst" (I have heard of Christians getting into such folly).

However, let us not make the converse mistake of considering that our enemy is somehow equal to our God in power. A common deception in many religions and belief systems is that good and evil are equally matched. This is most clearly illustrated by the black and white Eastern symbol for yin and yang—a philosophy which says that opposites such as light and dark or good and evil are interconnected and interdependent. This is not a biblical view. God is the Creator. Satan is a created being. They are of an entirely different order. God is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent. Satan is a fallen archangel who is destined, according to Scripture, for the lake of fire. He has been defeated, publically humiliated, and disarmed by the cross of Christ.

Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth, and He tells us that because of this we can go. Our commission is simply to be about our Father's business. And what is that business? In Matthew 10:8, Jesus declared, **"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give" (NIV)**. This is teaching the kingdom of our God in love and power. This is the work that dispossesses our adversary.

We radiate Jesus because He is the light and light dispels darkness. I have to admit I sometimes get a little irritated with Christians who have a tendency to complain about dry meetings, bad vibes, or heavy atmospheres. Come on people, don't get under it, get over it! As our friend, Chris Duffett, President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, is fond of saying, "Be the light!" We don't live by external circumstances. We live and breathe and have our being by the Spirit of life in our hearts. Many Christians shy away from delivering people from tormenting spirits. Why? Because it makes them feel like they've been slimed. Can you imagine a soldier backing down from a mission because he might get dirty? Occasionally, after being involved in spiritual battle we may feel battle weary or worn. However, this should never be a pity party but rather a time to stand and refresh. This is a time for respite, washing in the Word, taking communion, and honoring King Jesus.

Do you remember King David's mighty men? In Samuel 23 there is an account of their heroic deeds and exploits. These men were so hungry for action that if it didn't come to them, they seemed to have to go looking for it. I can't help but imagine that, like so many soldiers, they would have sat around the evening fire and taken great enjoyment in recounting the scrapes and victories they had shared together. As agents of light overthrowing a kingdom of darkness should we not have our spiritual exploits and victories to share with each other too?

#### **TRIBULATION DOORWAYS**

Adversity is a respecter of no man. Every person on the planet, regardless of race, culture, religion, or social status is subject to adversity. The difference for you and me as believers in Jesus Christ is that we can know that all things work together for our good. In Isaiah 54 we are not told that no weapon will be formed against us or that no one will accuse us. We are told that **"no weapon formed against us will prevail"** and that **"we will refute every accusation of the enemy" (see Isaiah 54:17)**. Do you know what that means? It means that there will be weapons formed against us. It means that we will have accusations coming against us. It also means that we are meant to fight and win!

Rick Joyner shared a profound truth at our LionHeart 2012 Conference. Acts 14:22 recounts a time when Paul was teaching the believers that **"through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God."** In other words, when adversity strikes, rejoice! Not in the trouble but because right there in the midst of the trouble is a doorway to the kingdom. A table set for me in the presence of my enemies.

#### **DREAD CHAMPIONS**

A couple of years ago, a guy came up to me after one of our meetings and said, "You're punching above your weight, aren't you?" Initially I felt that this was said in a patronising manner and was meant to discourage me. However, as sons of the Living God we are all supposed to be punching above our weight. In fact, you could say that this is the very definition of living by faith. Jeremiah 20:11 says that **"The Lord is with me like a dread champion."** We do not contend for that which we can do according to our own strength, but that which we can do according to His. I decided to take it as a compliment.

I love the story about our friend Katja from Germany. She had a front yard and she had neighbors. She had the means to make hot and cold drinks. She set up some tables in front of her house and a sign advertising her café. Her neighbors began to come and sit and drink and chat. Soon Katja was pastoring her community. In terms of spiritual warfare, she was devastating the kingdom of darkness. When Aliss visited her last year, twelve of Katja's friends were saved at one time, and a new church was born. For the enemy, it was a massacre.

We continue to be amazed and excited about what God is doing through ordinary people all over the world who are realizing that in Christ they are really very extraordinary. They become Holy Spirit empowered Christians resonating the reality of Jesus in their daily lives. They become dread champions who are known and feared by the enemy. They find that they are using what they have in their hands and are punching well above their weight.

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# Seeking Wisdom

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Derek Prince (1915-2003) was one of the great Bible teachers of the 20th century and is still touching lives around the world with the continued distribution of his many books and teachings through Derek Prince Ministries. His words on wisdom remind us of a basic truth of the Christian life, a truth that is needed more than ever in today's often confusing world.

"Wisdom comes to us in the Scripture sometimes as a person and speaks to us in a very personal tone of voice. Wisdom presents to us a choice. Wisdom shows us the dividing of the pathway—the pathway of life and the pathway of death. Wisdom warns us that if we are to walk in the pathway of life, we have to hate evil. There is no room for compromise."

#### WISDOM HATES EVIL

"I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion.

To fear the LORD is to hate evil. I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech" (Proverbs 8:12–13).

Wisdom comes to us in the Scripture sometimes as a person and speaks to us in a very personal tone of voice. Wisdom presents to us a choice. Wisdom shows us the dividing of the pathway—the pathway of life and the pathway of death. Wisdom warns us that if we are to walk in the pathway of life, we have to hate evil. There is no room for compromise.

Those who are walking in that pathway cannot in any way permit themselves to entertain the thoughts of evil.

We have to watch our own lives, our own behavior. We have to guard against the things that wisdom hates.

Wisdom hates pride and arrogance. These are subtle things that may begin to grow up in our lives without us scarcely being aware of them. Evil behavior and perverse speech—these are things that wisdom hates, and if we are to walk in the way of life we have to hate what wisdom hates.

We have to side with the Lord against sin and iniquity, rebellion and deception. We have to dethrone these things from our hearts and to make room there for wisdom—wisdom with prudence, with knowledge and with discretion. We have to bear in mind continually that all the counsel of wisdom, all the instruction and even the admonition of wisdom is designed for our good.

All Scriptures are NIV.

#### THE RIGHT REACTION TO CORRECTION

"Whoever corrects a mocker brings on insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.

Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning" (Proverbs 9:7-9).

Nothing sorts out people more sharply and more quickly than their reaction to reproof and instruction. If a person gets angry when he is reproved or instructed, The Bible says he is a mocker. It says he is a wicked man. But if a man is righteous when he is reproved and instructed, he will be grateful, he will respond with love, he will ask for more.

This poses a question for me that I often face up to and I think each one of us needs to face up to it from time to time. How do I personally react to correction and reproof? Do I get angry? Do I want to answer back? Do I want to throw it away and say, "That isn't right, it isn't fair! I don't deserve that"? I hope not. I hope you don't react like that.

Remember that your reaction to correction and to reproof is going to clearly indicate your character. If you get angry, you reject it. Then you're a mocker, you're a wicked person. I've seen this is true in life. Beware of a wrong reaction to correction.

#### LOVE WISDOM

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me" (Proverbs 8:17).

If you determine to seek wisdom, you will find her. She will not hide from you. She sets her conditions, but she is willing to be found. Then she continues speaking:

"With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver" (Proverbs 8:18-19).

The blessings that come with wisdom cannot be estimated. And then wisdom describes the way to walk:

"The fruit of wisdom is better than fine gold. What wisdom yields surpasses choice silver: Riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. If our heart attitude toward wisdom is right, then all these will be the outcome of that relationship."

#### "I walk in the ways of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and make their treasuries full" (Proverbs 8:20-21).

I believe the real important condition there is to inheriting those blessings and enjoying them is to love wisdom. Love is a strong word. Love means putting wisdom first. It means devoting time to wisdom. It means sacrificing other things to achieve wisdom, but the reward is so great.

The fruit of wisdom is better than fine gold. What wisdom yields surpasses choice silver: Riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. If our heart attitude toward wisdom is right, then all these will be the outcome of that relationship.

Make your mind up that you are going to love wisdom. I would say it is right to love wisdom passionately. I believe that many times, as Christians, we are too tepid, we are too lukewarm. We need to have a passionate love of wisdom.

**DEREK PRINCE** (1915-2003) was born in India and educated at Britain's finest universities. While serving in the British army during World War II, he experienced a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. He then devoted his life to the teaching and study of the Bible and became internationally recognized as a leading authority on a variety of Bible subjects. He authored over eighty books as well as six hundred audio and over hundred video teachings.



### FROM THE DESK OF DAVE YARNES

recious time is wasted every day on self-defeating thoughts and blame-filled thinking. As you embark on significant life changes, you may be battered by negative thoughts, past failures, and the criticism of others. If left unchecked, these thoughts can keep you from the ultimate goal of proactively taking control and responsibility for your life decisions. Rejecting negative thinking is a skill.

Here are examples of negative thoughts that hinder proactivity and progress and should be rejected:

"She makes me angry." "I'm just like my father." "It's just not in the cards for me." "I'm not old enough." "I'm too old."

**PROACTIVE THINKING:** "She can't make me angry. It's always my choice on how I will respond. It's me. I won't blame others any more." I have seen people realize with a jolt that they have been placing blame on others, which relinquishes personal control by ascribing the power of change to others. "If she would only stop\_\_\_\_\_, then I could\_\_\_\_\_\_." One of the most freeing realizations comes when we understand that despite the actions of others, we alone have the ability to choose how we will act and respond.

**NEGATIVE THINKING:** "It's not me. If only you would change." Not wanting to accept responsi-

bility, individuals want to continue placing blame on others. Often, these mental crutches have been in place for so long that to remove them by taking responsibility would mean notable change in conversation, attitude, and actions.

I have learned that individuals from dismal and dysfunctional backgrounds have a strong, pervasive temptation to hold disempowering views of the future based on their history. Old negative voices and past experiences have a way of projecting themselves into their future:

"Tve always been this way." "Nothing works out for me." "Tm setting myself up for disappointment. I'm going to quit now." "My father always told me I would never amount to anything"

You are not destined to be a product of your past! You have a unique ability and responsibility to place empowering interpretations on your past. Further connecting with God gives you the infinite ability to recreate yourself anew. This process begins with taking proactive control of every mindset in life. **7** 

In His service,

Dave Yarnes Executive Vice President, MorningStar Ministries

### Stephen Coffey Wilderness Camp

e are excited about the progress being made with the Stephen Coffey Wilderness Camp. Zach Rowe, MorningStar's Youth Pastor, reported that summer camp ignited the fire of God in his life—a fire that has never dimmed. Zach emphasized the power of the godly friendships he made at camp—relationships that kept him on the right path throughout his teenage years. Many of those relationships have remained into adulthood.

Now as a youth pastor, Zach is using the same model of discipleship he learned at summer camp to pastor the MorningStar youth, raising up intern leaders from within the youth group. These young leaders are not seeking a podium, but instead they are looking for hearts. Many ministers are needed for the 40,000 youth that Bob Jones prophesied would be coming to MorningStar, and part of the preparation for the Stephen Coffey Wilderness Camp (SCWC) is described in Ephesians 4:12: Training and equipping for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

What may be the most important part of the wilderness camp experience is already happening. Youth leaders are being raised up. Hunger is being stirred. Hearts are catching on fire. MorningStar Youth are itching for the camp to open. They are meeting twice a month in the Bob Jones Vision Center to pray for a youth revival.

Spending time in the wilderness away from the things of this world is a big part of the camp experience. In early November 2018, twenty-five youth took part in a weekend Survival Camp, a youth version of MorningStar University's Special Forces trips. The weekend was designed as a wilderness challenge modeled after the time Israel and Jesus spent in the wilderness being refined for what was to come. Similarly, we expect the SCWC to be a place where hundreds have a life-changing encounter with the Lord each year, and also where their walk with God gets off to a strong start as disciples, not just converts.

We have enjoyed great favor with the county and local officials concerning the construction of the camp. We hope to break ground and begin construction in the spring. Phase Two is coming to a close with land prep being finalized and we will now be moving into Phase Three, which is the construction phase of the project.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for this exciting project. We know many will be impacted by their time at this Morning-Star camp. To learn more about this project or to help fund the Stephen Coffey Wilderness Camp, visit SCWCamp.org or call (803)547-8495.**7** 

### **Bob Jones Celebration**

b Jones, a prophet and dear friend of the ministry, went to be with the Lord in February 2014. On February 14, 2019 the Bob Jones Vision Center will be hosting a memorial celebration led by Bonnie Jones and the Kingdom Business Association (KBA). The Valentine's Day commemoration event will kick off a three day KBA Gathering on February 14-17 in the Bob Jones Vision Center. Registration includes a room and food, but sign up early as registration is limited. Call (877) 446-3836 for more information.



#### **GATHERING OF GOD'S GENERALS**

artners Weekend is one of our most anticipated events, and this year the expectancy level is higher than ever as God's Generals gather. Cindy Jacobs and Lance Wallnau will be with us, as will Rick Joyner. Speakers seem to share more freely during this intimate gathering of close friends of the ministry, and nothing is recorded. This is an exclusive, insider event for our Partners as an expression of our deep gratitude for all they do and give. So join us May 31-June 1 to receive fresh revelation and make life-altering connections you could not make anywhere else. All meals are provided with your registration. Visit MStarEvents.com/ pw19 to register or call (877) 446-3836<sup>°</sup>

Lance Wallnau, right, Rick Joyner, below, and Cindy Jacobs, below right, will be at 2019 Partners Weekend, May 31-June 1.







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### new WAVE

oin Heidi Baker, Michael Koulianos, David Vallier, and others at the New Wave Conference on April 11-13! This will be Michael Koulianos' first time sharing at MorningStar. He has assisted with some of the largest evangelistic meetings in history, but he still has one true desire-introducing Jesus to as many people as possible. God called Heidi Baker to missions when she was sixteen, and she went on to establish Iris Global with her husband, Rolland. Iris Global currently has thirty-five bases in twenty countries. Call (877) 446-3836 to register or go to MStarEvents.com/newwave. Early Bird registration ends February 28.7

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

he 50+ Conference on March 14-16 will answer the question, "What's Next?" Speakers Ken Fish, Judith MacNutt, Rick Joyner, and John Boneck will be releasing revelation concerning healing and deliverance, spiritual warfare, and spiritual mentoring to help the 50+ generation confirm their purpose and sharpen their spiritual weapons. Register now at MStarEvents.com/whatsnext or call (877) 446-3836<sup>1</sup>

#### VISION



#### BY JOHN BONECK

50+ Pastor, MorningStar Ministries

rowing up in northern Wisconsin, I believed that "April showers bring May flowers." We lived through some pretty severe winters, and we all longed for the return of longer days, more sun, and the warmer temperatures of spring. The snowfalls of March turned muddy quickly as temperatures warmed. What was white and beautiful was now mixed with dirt and grime.

Then the April showers came. They washed away the dirty snow and the past winter's depression, preparing us for life and growth. The season shifted.

2019 is a time for those showers to hit our personal lives and surroundings, changing the season of our lives. For some time now the Father has been speaking to me about the need to clean my personal temple of anything that stops me from being a pure vessel to host His presence. I believe He is doing that around the world, cleaning us up, raining on us to wash away anything that is not of Him. He is cleansing and purifying us of our soiled past. He is warming us and bringing us into more Son shine. His spring is upon us (see II Corinthians 5:17).

2019 is a pivotal year in our lives. Cleaned up and showered with His cleansing love, we are being prepared for a great future. His rain is hitting us, and we are about to see a myriad of beautiful flowers—His children—come to life. He is readying us for a greater harvest than we have ever seen. It will be here sooner than we think.

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