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Are your feet beautiful?(Are you a true witness or have you just heard it second hand?), on: 2009/4/6 12:17

The time has come to glorify the king. While the watchmen have sounded the alarm and rightly so, we must also declare victory. What is the victory we declare? What great battle have we witnessed and now seek to tell others about? "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things.(Isa 52:7)

This vision of the beautiful feet is the vision of one who runs from the scene of battle, across mountains, to the city that waits for news. (2 Sam 18:26) If your King has went out to battle, to fight the enemy that has surely come to destroy you, can you imagine the anticipation of those left behind wondering how the battle went? This is a matter of life and death. If the King is defeated then the enemy is coming and he will destroy everything in his path. You will lose everything, your world will be ripped apart and your heart will faint with fear. So, when the runner comes and announces salvation, meaning victorious deliverance, there is a spontaneous reaction of utter joy and celebration. This is the "good news," this is the "glad tidings," they have been waiting to hear. How many times is genuine salvation coupled with utter joy and spontaneous celebration in the heart of one who has been delivered from destruction? It is the mark of genuine Christianity down through the ages. It is what separates genuine Christianity from mere philosophy.

So, when the messenger comes, they want to know from him "did you actually see the victory?" "Did you see it with your own eyes?" "You didn't hear it from someone, you actually saw the victory?" When he declares that yes, he actually saw it with his own eyes, he is an "eye-witness," then the people can truly rejoice because they know that the runner has actually saw it and it is no mere second hand account. This is what gives the runner power. Today, we desperately need beautiful feet of those who have personally witnessed "victorious deliverance." We need those whose own "eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of Hosts." A people that can say that they have "saw the Lord sitting on a Throne, high and lifted up," and know that "His train fills the temple." A people who have heard the saints of Heaven cry "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts," and know that "the whole earth is filled with His glory." A people whose "Doorposts moved," and their whole house is shaken by the glory and the splendor and the majesty of our King, and whose house is filled with the "smoke," of His presence.

Only eye-witnesses to His glory will suffice as the days of history draw to a close. To tell others a story that you have been told is not good enough. Can you say, with the prophet "My eyes have seen the King?" Have you experienced the fullness of God? Has your whole "house," been shaken by His majesty and His splendor? Is your feet beautiful? Have you actually witnessed anything? When you speak of the glory of the risen King, are you merely re-telling a story? Or, have you actually experienced the glory of the risen King? You see, the eye-witness actually has power. You cannot say to the eye-witness "you did not see the victory, your confused, your wrong." How preposterous would that be for the one who has witnessed the victory? But, you can say that to the one did not actually witness the victory. And no matter how much that one believed the story he was told, there would always be room for doubt. "Did the King really win the battle, is it really Him that is returning victorious to a glorious celebration? I did not actually see it myself, what if it is not true? Perhaps it is really the enemy that won and even now he is coming to destroy me?"

The eye-witness has none of these doubts. He has, with his own eyes, seen the victory. He has ran on ahead to tell everyone. He knows who is coming. He lies in bed at night and sleeps soundly knowing that every minute that passes brings His Lord ever closer. He sleeps in peace, he knows the victory is won."Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together, for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord brings back Zion."(Isa52:8) So, let me ask the question, what exactly are you a witness too? Are your feet beautiful? Did you actually witness the defeat of the enemy? Can the people trust you? Do you have the power of the eye-witness? Do you have an unshakeable faith because you "Have seen the King," our victorious champion?" Or, do you just know because someone told you? Those who have seen with their own eyes will have this power "God will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your -rear-guard." (Isa 52:12)

Re: Are your feet beautiful?(Are you a true witness or have you just heard it second - posted by Heydave (), on: 2009/4/6 20:11
Appolus,

Thank you for this post. It is a good explanation of the truth of what it means to be a witness. May the LORD save us from being those who repeat truth without a relationship with the one who is the truth.

Re: , on: 2009/4/6 20:11

Quote

"May the LORD save us from being those who repeat truth without a relationship with the one who is the truth."

Amen Dave.....Frank

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2009/4/7 12:56

Hi Frank,

There was more I wanted to say on this, but no time yesterday.

Tozer says in his book The pursuit of God, 'For it is not mere words that nourish the soul, but God Himself, and unless and until the hearers find God in a personal experience they are not the better for having heard the truth. The bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God.'

He is really just giving an exposition of what Jesus said to the Pharisees. 'You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life: and these are they that testify of me. But you are not willing to come to me that you may have life ' (John 5 v 39-40).

This scripture should really make us sit up and take note. Does all our studying and doctrine lead us to a closer relationship with the living God? I think evangelical Christians can be frightened by this, but I am not talking about going away from the word of God as revealed in the bible, but that it reveals who God is; what He thinks about us; what we should think about Him and how we can approach and fellowship with Him, so we can experience God and this experience if true will not contradict His written word.

I think often times we find it easier and less challenging to stick to reading and discussing truth rather than responding to truth by taking time and exposure to be intimate with God.

Re: , on: 2009/4/7 16:01

Heydave

Excellent reply brother, and all I can say is "Amen," and you quoted one of my favorite authors. Yes, all the Scriptures point to Jesus, we must step forward and meet Him personally. He stands at the door and knocks. I wrote "Biblicentric or Christocentric, to talk to that very subject..... Frank

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