

**Devotional Thoughts :: I will awaken the dawn!****I will awaken the dawn!, on: 2010/12/30 12:43**

In Psalm 57 David says " I will awaken the dawn!" David is writing from a cave. He finds himself in the darkness, having fled his enemies. Perhaps you find yourself in a place of darkness today? Have you fled to your own personal " cave?" It is interesting that places that start out as a place of refuge, a hiding place quickly become a prison. In Psalm 142, we again find David writing from a cave, he cries out to God " bring my soul out of prison." His cave, his place of safety and refuge had become a prison.

What is it that you are running from? Why do you find yourself in a cave today? What is it that you seek refuge from? Has that place of refuge now become a prison to you? In Psalm 57:4 David says that his soul had been amongst lions. Now we know that the devil is likened to a roaring lion in 1 Pet 5:8 and that he seeks to devour. David further describes his enemies as having teeth like spears and arrows and a tongue like a sharp sword. Spears and arrows and swords are designed to maim and destroy and kill. They are weapons of destruction.

Perhaps you find yourself in a solitary place today because of words spoken against you? Unjust, hurtful words, hateful words, things that are simply not true. Perhaps circumstances or tragedies have driven you to a place of darkness and desolation? David said that his enemies had prepared a net for his steps and had dug a pit in front of him (Psalm 57:6) and that his soul was "bowed down." We see that David got tangled up in that net and fell headfirst into the pit. Perhaps you too have been tripped up in your walk and have fallen head first into the pit and find yourself in a similar darkness as King David? You have been ensnared, and the righteousness of you cause only adds to the depths of the pit. Your flesh screams out for justice and the darkness only increases. Your soul is " bowed down."

How did King David get out of his cave? He says in verse two of the 57th Psalm " I will cry out to my God." Rather than crying out for justice, we must simply cry out to God. In a spectacular series of events, we see in Psalm 142 that Saul is delivered into the hands of David, into the very cave in which he hides. Can you say brothers and sisters what you would do if your oppressors were delivered into your hands? Is justice for you, more important than your relationship with Jesus? Has your circumstances or situation drowned out that small still voice? Have you lost your peace? Do you have your song in the night? Perhaps no one on the "outside," would even know the depths of the darkness that you feel on the inside? God knows. Nothing escapes Him. He knows the motivations of our heart. Brothers and sisters, Saul must be let go. Justice lies in the hands of God. Who or what is your Saul?

David, in Psalm 57 goes on to say " I will sing and give praise, Awake, my Glory! Awake lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn! " To awaken anything brothers and sisters we must shout, shout unto God with a voice of triumph. How many of us know that it is darkest just before the dawn? From your dark place, cry out to God, awaken the dawn. " I will praise you O Lord among the peoples." For David to praise his God amongst the peoples he is going to have to get out of that cave. If you will praise God amongst the peoples you cannot stay in that dark place. Listen to how David finishes this Psalm that started out so darkly " I will sing to you among the nations. For your mercy reaches unto the heavens and your truth unto the clouds. Be exalted , O God above the heavens, let your glory be above all the earth." To see the heavens brothers and sisters, to see the clouds, to see the sky, to see the glory of the night sky, one must come out from the darkness of the cave.

One word of warning. Do not be found to be the one who digs pits and lays nets for others. Beware when you stand lest you fall. Let your words be measured and your motivations found to be true. God misses nothing, and justice belongs to Him. And the final end for all diggers of ditches? "Into the midst of it they themselves have fallen."

Re: I will awaken the dawn! - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2010/12/30 14:27

Thank you brother for this truth.

I remember when you said in your confession something to that degree, that we dare not take the Place of Justice that belongs only to God. That would be the same as trying to take God's throne, as the Devil did. There are things that belong only to God.

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We have to preach God's justice and wrathful anger against wickedness and the wicked, because these are means that God uses to convert sinners, but to desire the wicked to go under that anger is a completely different thing.

God made me aware of the persecuted church and the need to pray and intercede for her. That her faith does not waver, that she would not react in the flesh, and that she would show great love to the persecutors to draw them to Christ.

Re: , on: 2010/12/30 20:22

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Amen brother.....brother Frank