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"Delayed Deliverance Reveals Greater Glory!"
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Six years ago, I released the word below which, now, has even greater significance for our nation. As we watch and pray concerning the election outcome, God is doing a deep work in our own hearts. This process is taking a while for a reason.

Do we understand that the very things that are happening in our country could be the result of our prayers – not an attack against them?

If we are praying for America to "wake up," why are some praying for the shaking to stop? If we are asking the Lord to expose the darkness, why should we be surprised – or fearful – when the darkness comes out of hiding, even to our own front doors? If we truly understand God's larger redemptive purposes in the shaking, our prayers should reflect the heart of a loving Father. If we can look beyond the immediate crisis and into His eternal plan, we can see how He is at work in very powerful ways.

The Ultimate Goal – Revealing His Glory

God's ultimate goal is not our happiness or even our deliverance, though He does want us to be free in Him. His ultimate goal is to REVEAL HIS GLORY.

We see this truth demonstrated in the Old Testament story of the exodus from Egypt. Consider and compare these facts and interesting parallels with our own nation at this time:

– God's people were in bondage and began to cry out for deliverance.

– God carefully orchestrated and prepared godly leadership to bring them out.

– Things seemed to go from bad to worse for a period of time.

– God chose not to deliver His people immediately...ON PURPOSE.

– God not only used the ungodly authority in the land...He hardened it!

– God's people were freed only AFTER He sifted and purified their own hearts and lives of the idolatry and compromise that had infected them. (Photo via Pxhere)

Set Free From the Inside Out

It has been suggested that every one of the ten plagues that God released upon Egypt corresponded to one of Egypt's "gods." As a loving, heavenly Father, God saw the condition of the people's hearts. Their lives had been corrupted by Egypt's influence and He needed to cleanse them of the infectious beliefs and customs they had begun to embrace. Though they were crying out, "Rescue me!" the Lord was saying, "Believe in me!" The people were only concerned with getting OUT. The Lord's concern was getting them FREE.

Through every plague and disaster, He was cleansing and purifying their hearts and beliefs. In so doing, they were not only being prepared physically, but spiritually and mentally, for the freedom that was to come.

"But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said to Mo

ses." (Exodus 9:12 NIV)

Every time Pharaoh said "no," God had another opportunity to DEMONSTRATE to His people just how powerful He was. In every plague, His power overshadowed the principalities and spiritual rulers over that nation. He was showing His people, by example, how His power and love was greater than the foreign gods they had begun to embrace. (Photo via Flickr)

You took me out of Egypt, now take Egypt out of me

You delivered me from Pharaoh, now set me free from me

Let my heart become a promised land where the desert used to be

Lord, You took me out of Egypt, now take Egypt out of me

("Took Me out of Egypt" by David Baroni)

Our national gods of greed, power and humanism are being shattered and exposed for what they are – meaningless counterfeits and corrupted copies of God's intended blessings and rightful inheritance for His sons and daughters. God will use WHATEVER IT TAKES to set us free. Our freedom is not just a national anthem. It is a spiritual reality that must be settled and secured – whatever the price.

By the time the Israelites left Egypt, the fear of the Lord was upon every surrounding nation (Joshua 2:9-11, Numbers 14:14, Exodus 15:14-18). The glory of the Lord was known and feared, because of what He did through the trials of Israel. THAT was His ultimate goal and plan. He demonstrated to the world that He is able to deliver His people and set them free from every kind of bondage and redeem all things unto Himself!

Speaking the truth is one thing – demonstrating the Truth with power is even better. Instead of praying for a quick resolution, we should be praying to be vessels and conduits of His glory. You and I, my friends, are the carriers of true freedom and liberty. Let's rejoice in the fact that we have been chosen and prepared for this hour when all the world will see His glory revealed. It will be totally worth any delay.

In Christ
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