

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

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PRAYER STUDY #175

HAS THE JOURNEY BECOME TOO GREAT?

But he himself [Elijah, the Man of God] went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a juniper tree. And he requested for himself that he might die and said, "It is enough! Now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, an angel touched him and said unto him, "Arise and eat." And he looked and behold, there was a cake baked on the coals and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again the second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose and did eat and drink and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights unto Horeb, the mount of God.

1st Kings 19:4-8

The Journey becomes too great when:

1. **There is no vision.** *Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish, but he who keeps the law, happy [blessed and fortunate and to be envied] is he.* Proverbs 29:18 (In the context I am using it here, vision refers to seeing events, manifestations, dreams, or revelations, which generally are delivered prophetically from the Lord to a prophet and from a prophet to the Body, although the Lord often gives direct revelation to an individual who is not necessarily in the office of a prophet.) The Message Bible paraphrases Proverbs 29:18 this way: *If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves, but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.*

Habakkuk's Conclusion After Seeing the Vision (Habakkuk 3:16)

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vine; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stall. Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will joy in the God of my salvation. KJV

Though the cherry trees don't blossom, and the strawberries don't ripen, though the apples are worm-eaten, and the wheat fields stunted, though the sheep gates are sheepless, and the cattle barns empty, I'm singing praise to God. I'm turning cartwheels of joy to my Savior God. Counting on God's Rule to prevail, I take heart and gain strength. I run like a deer. I feel like I'm king of the mountain. The Message

Habakkuk's vision, (we know from reading Hebrews 10:37, Isaiah 11:9 and the book of Habakkuk), refers to both the Second Coming of Christ and to the Kingdom Age when "...the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

As we have often studied, the Kingdom of God is everlasting, has always been and is and always will be. Mankind, however, has not walked in the full revelation of the Kingdom and has allowed sin to dilute the power of the Kingdom message. We will not walk in this full revelation of the Kingdom, of course, until Jesus Comes. At that time the earth will indeed be filled with the Knowledge of God and the Knowledge of the Glory of God. Isaiah 11 and 12 tells us what the world will be like then:

1. All the animals will no longer eat each other or harm humans.
2. Children will no longer be afraid of or harmed by wild animals.
3. There will be no accidents or death.
4. Jesus shall stand as the standard around which all nations will gather.
5. All men will look to Christ for safety and deliverance.
6. Jews will again become missionaries taking the Word of God and preaching Jesus from Jerusalem to all nations.
7. All nations will seek Jesus.
8. There will be universal peace.
9. His rest shall be glorious.
10. He will gather the outcast of Israel.
11. He will set His hand the second time to recover His Jewish remnant.
12. Envy and pride will depart.
13. All adversaries will be cut off.
14. There shall be a highway of holiness for the remnant of His people.
15. The righteous shall be caught up in praise for Him.
16. The Gentiles shall seek Christ and will bless the Jewish people.
17. There shall be no fear.
18. The righteous will be full of joy.
19. The inhabitants of Zion will sing and cry out and shout the greatness of the Holy One in the midst of the remnant company.

2. THE BODY IS WEARY: *For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Hebrews 12:3-4 And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but they who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:30-31*

3. THERE IS NO RHEMA FROM GOD:

“Rhema has reference to a word spoken or written. It is a special communication from the heart of God to the heart of man. The quoted words of the Old Testament in the New Testament are taken quite out of context. It’s startling when you first notice it. But the Holy Spirit Who wrote the Scripture can do with it as He wills. We cannot. Now and then when your heart is tender and especially open to the Lord, you may notice certain words seem to stand out on the page and carry a message to your heart. You will know it is not a matter of imagination or manipulation. That is rhema.” Don Van Hoosier in *Weighing out Prophetic Ministry*

“The significance of rhema (as distinct from logos) is exemplified in the injunction to take ‘the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God’ (Ephesians 6:17): here the reference is not to the whole Bible (Logos) as such, but to the individual scripture which the Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in the time of need, a pre-requisite being the regular storing of the mind with Scripture.” *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*

LOGOS WORD

JOHN 1:1, 2ND TIMOTHY 3:16,
JOHN 14:2
The Word of God
General Prophecies
Word is the same throughout eternity
Instructions for all the people
The knowledge of God
The whole Bible
The revelation of God

RHEMA WORD

ROMANS 10:8 & 17
EPHESIANS 6:17
A word from the Word
Personal Prophecies
Specific word for person
Specific instruction for a person
A word of knowledge
Individual scriptures
God revealing and relating

4. WE ARE NOT OPERATING IN GOD'S PERFECT TIMING: *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in mine house and test me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:10-11*

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

He hath made every thing beautiful in its time...Ecclesiastes 3:11

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said, unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him, and he said unto me, See thou do it not! I am thy fellow servant and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Revelation 19:7-10