

Prayer Study 22  
"What is your function?"  
Ephesians 4:11-12

*"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things unto Him who is the head-Christ-from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. "*

**APOSTLES:** are messengers sent out on a mission

**PROPHETS:** tell of coming events and judgments, give divinely inspired revelations

**EVANGELISTS:** witness to the lost so that they will receive Christ

**PASTORS:** shepherd the body, minister to individuals

**TEACHERS:** teach the Word

We are bound by a common faith, a common life, common loyalty, common purpose. We serve one Master. He is the head. We are a single body. But we are not identical in temperament, personality, or giftings. We must constantly cement the bond we have by a loving, forbearing attitude to one another, and by using our different gifts for the common good. We have to grow up together until we are all Christ wants us to be-until we are really like Him.

When the Lord shall build up  
ZION  
[in this place],  
HE  
Will appear in His  
GLORY!  
Psalm 102:16

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ZION types the palce of the overcomers in the Church of Jesus Christ, the sold-out ones, the passionately-in-love-with-Jesus believers, the anointed ones caught up in worship, the 100 fold fruit bearers, the remnant of the Last Days who long to see His Glory manifested on the earth, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day Church of Hosea, the overcomers of Revelation, the lovesick bride of Song of Solomon.

ZION is a place of singing(Psalm 137:3, Isaiah 35:10). ZION is a place of praise(Psalm 9:14). ZION is the place of God's habitation, the dwelling of the Lord(Psalm 9:11), 74:2, 76:2, 132:13). Zion is a place of joy(Psalm 48:2). Zion is a place of safety and surety(Isaiah 29:8).

The very name ZION, however, means parched place. It is a place where our wills become submitted to His Will and the desires of our hearts become His Desire. It is a place of total surrender and total submission.

ZION, for the believer, is not some mountain in Israel. It is a place of being in God. It is a place that all believers should want to come to, for it is living in His presence. It is being anointed with fresh oil every day. It is a place of intimacy with the living Christ of God who is lovesick for His people and wants that intimacy even more than we do.

Unfortunately, the modern Church in America is largely made-up of foolish virgins who have no oil for their lamps and slumbering disciples too tired to push through in prayer and too entangled in the things of this world to be good soldiers and too apathetic to pray for rain in the time of the Latter Rain.

We must break the lethargy and apathy of the fat, satisfied and complacent Body of Christ in America. We must blow the trumpet in Zion and sound the alarm. We must go up to ZION if we are to possess the land and slay the giants and prepare for the Great Harvest that is coming whether we are ready or not. The battles of the months ahead will be won or lost in the prayer room, and we will be accountable for how we fought the battle. Let's Go Up to Zion in the Secret Place and stir the Body of Christ to wake-up and be the Church that He gave His Life for.