

Prayer Study #5
THE ZION COMPANY
Psalm 48

“The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold: how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!” Lam 4:2

God, knowing all the way from the beginning to the end, caused the writing of the Bible to be done in such a way that many of the persons, places, offices, institutions, and events were meant to be viewed as anticipatory of what was to come. For example, when the writer of Malachi write that “Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord (*speaking of the Last Days*), and he shall turn the heart of that fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, let I come and smite the earth with a curse,” He was speaking not of Elijah himself literally coming, but a type, i.e. a company of believers who what the call of Elijah on their lives.

In the same sense, I believe that He is calling forth today a Zion Company of believers who will be the overcoming, fired-up, passionate, loving not their lives unto the death (this death probably referring to soulish death of ego, desires, plans, and ambitions of this “Me” generation, self-willed as opposed to submission to His total authority), spirit-filled joyful, *church within the church* believers.

1. What is Zion?

Zion is the highest and southernmost mount of Jerusalem. It was a fortified city of the Jebusites till subdued by David, and thenceforward was often called “the city of David,” (2 Samuel 5:7, 1 Kings 8:1). He seems to have greatly delighted in its beauty and strength, and to have loved it as a type of the church of the Messiah (Psalm 48). It is also sometimes used figuratively in scripture for the seat of the true church on earth and in heaven (Jer. 8:19, Heb 12:22, and Rev 14:1)

Source: *International Bible Dictionary*

2. What are some characteristics of Zion as laid out in scripture?

- a. Holy Place – Psalm 2:6
- b. Dwelling of the Lord – Psalm 9:11, 74:2, 76:2
- c. Glory of the Lord – Psalm 102:16
- d. Rod of His Strength – Psalm 110:2
- e. Place of His Blessing – Psalm 128:5
- f. Place of Singing – Psalm 137:3
- g. Place of Joy – Psalm 149:2
- h. Place of Shouting – Isaiah 12:6
- i. Place of Quick Answer from the Lord – Isaiah 31:19
- j. Place of the Fire of the Lord – Isaiah 31:9
- k. Place where sinners and hypocrites are full of fear – Isaiah 33:14
- l. Place of Salvation – Isaiah 46:13
- m. Place of Joy, Gladness, and the Comfort of the Lord – Isaiah 51:3
- n. Place where the Redeemer shall come – Isaiah 59:20

- o. Place where the sons of those who have afflicted you and despised you shall bow down at your feet and call you, *The Zion of the Holy One of Israel* – Isaiah 60:14
 - p. Place of beauty of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness – Isaiah 61:3
 - q. Place of quick work of the Spirit (*For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children*) – Isaiah 66:8
 - r. Place of restoration of the backslidden -Jeremiah 3:14
 - s. Place to blow the trumpet, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly – Joel 2:1, Joel 2:15
 - t. Place of the former and the latter rain – Joel 2:23
 - u. Place where the Lord will restore what the enemy has taken – Joel 2:24
 - v. Place of deliverance – Joel 2:32, Obadiah 17
 - w. Place of hope and strength – Joel 3:16
 - x. Place of travail and birthing – Micah 4:10
3. How do we get to Zion?

I really don't know. I know that it is a place of being in God, a place where praise to the Lord is perfected, a place of His presence. I believe in my own heart that we will corporately come unto Mount Zion when we enter into a new place of Worship and Praise that is devoid of competition, performance, fear of man, disunity, self-gratification, etc. – I speak of myself first of all, the musicians and the congregation of believers here who need to put these things to death. And I think the verses in Hosea give us a clue: *“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy, break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you”* (Hosea 10:12), and *“Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth”* (Hosea 6:3). But there is also His timing that I wait expectantly for and which is beyond our control. We are to make ourselves ready and available, and we are to be expectant, by He is in control and has a plan, and it is His perfect timing that we pray for. The right thing at the wrong time is disaster, much in the same sense of a baby being born prematurely, who has to struggle for years to catch-up. This very significant time in history when the Lord is doing a new thing is not the time for us to struggle for years to reach the maturity of the Bride without spot or blemish that He is waiting for.

This urgency in my spirit and my desire for you and me to be a part of the Zion Company and the Bridal Company that He longs for leads me to believe we are living in a Kairos time and will soon see a quick and unprecedented outpouring of His Spirit upon His Zion Company of Believers. What is a Kairos time? Francis Frangipane, one of my favorite authors, points out that there are two Greek terms in the Word for time: **Chronos** which refers to chronological time and **Kairos** which was usually translated *“fullness of time.”* According to Frangipane, *“Kairos times are those unique, spiritually heightened bursts of spiritual fulfillment that exists between dispensations and epochs. During Kairos seasons, the Spirit of God invades the fabric of life itself: Everything accelerates and changes as*

reality is redirected by the unalterable Will of God. Noah lived in a Kairos time. Moses led Israel out of Egypt during a Kairos time. Jesus came **'in the fullness of time'** (Galatians 4:4).

I believe we are approaching a Kairos time, the time when we should ask of the Lord rain in the time of the Latter Rain (Zechariah 10:1), when we should go up to Zion. It is a time when we must pray as never before.