

WHY WOMEN?

God is calling on Christian women in this nation to arise and pray, and lead the prayer movement to bring revival again to this land – a revival that will spread to Europe and nations beyond. This is nothing new, but why women?

A. Arise Women

▪ Isaiah 32:9-20

Isaiah 32 promises a state and government of righteousness, justice, peace and prosperity – the ideal form of society. A prophecy fulfilled in Christ, but also give an example of what a nation would be like if its leaders were godly and righteous men and women.

- To fulfil this promise, there is a call to the women to rise up.
- Things will not improve or change unless the women rise up. There will not be good and righteous national leadership unless the women arise. In fact things will get worse unless the women take responsibility.
- But when they do arise, the Spirit will be poured from on high and there will be fruitfulness in the land – vs. 15
- God is calling on the women to rise as women and wait until the Spirit is poured out from on high.

Jeremiah 9:17-21

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider and call for the mourning women to come; send for the skilful women to come. Let them make haste and raise a wailing over us and for us, that our eyes may run down with tears and our eyelids gush with water. For a sound of wailing is heard [coming] out of Zion: How we are plundered and ruined! We are greatly confounded and utterly put to shame, because we have forsaken the land, because they have cast down our dwellings [our dwellings that have cast us out]. Yet hear the word of the Lord, O you women, and let your ears receive the word of His mouth; teach your daughters a lament, and each one [teach] her neighbour a dirge. For death has come up into our windows; it has entered into our palaces, cutting off the children from outdoors and the young men from the streets.

B. WHY WOMEN?

- Why does the scripture instruct the women to rise up?
- Why is national change dependent on the women rising up?
- What about woman qualifies women for such an awesome task?

Answer: Designed for Purpose

Women have been fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God (Gen 1:26; Ps 139)

Romans 1:20

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead...”

Spiritual lessons from a physical reality: The visible reveals the invisible – What is the nature of God that we carry as women?

There is a Common language that all women know. It transcends culture, social status, language, background. – It is the language of Reproduction and Birthing

1. A Woman is Designed to Receive

- God designed woman to receive. It does not matter what it is, so long as a woman receives it, it becomes seed. In the physical she is uniquely designed to receive a sperm (male seed), and this also reflects her nature in the spirit.
- A woman will receive and take anything – sperm, love or hatred, a business idea, a burden for a sick friend, prayer need or request. Instantly, what she receives becomes a seed in her, with a full potential to germinate and bear fruit. **Mary, the mother of Jesus – received the WORD**
- Another amazing aspect of woman is that she is not limited to one seed. Women who carry multiple births demonstrate this ability. Hence, a woman can take on more than one project, idea or prayer request.

2. A Woman Multiplies What She Receives

- Whatever a woman receives she multiplies. If a wife received love from her husband, she would multiply that love, nurture and cause it to grow. She would grow to love, cherish and adore him more and more.
- However, if a woman is given abuse or insults, she is going to receive, multiply and incubate just that, and who knows what she would bring forth! *A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. (wake him at 5:00am)*
- Women always multiply what they receive. Like a snowball effect, whatever you give to a woman will multiply in her hands. Give her a vision, a business idea or a burden for a sick friend, a city or nation. Once she receives it as seed, she will take it into her spiritual womb, incubate and multiply it.

3. A Woman Births what she has multiplied – we can travail in intercession and warfare

4. A Woman Nurtures what she has birthed – a divine ability – El Shaddai

5. Strength to endure – The length of pregnancy with its associated problems – Though it carries it shall surely come

6. Multifaceted in ability and nature

C. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WOMEN WHO WILL ARISE – *Isaiah 32:9-12*

1. Women who listen out for God's voice, in the midst of all that is happening around.
2. Women who are troubled by what is going on. Are troubled about the Lord's burden concerning what is going on in church and land – godlessness, sin, rebellion, and breakdown in society. Are troubled about how to bring the glory of God back.

3. Women who are willing to rise up and take responsibility for the situation in the land. We cannot do this if we do not take responsibility
4. Women who would strip themselves bare and are willing to make the necessary sacrifices – who will strip themselves of self, the flesh and personal comforts and needs.
5. Women who would gird themselves with sackcloth and are broken before God – in humility and repentance, fasting and prayer, intercession, supplication, travail and wailing before the Lord.
6. Women who are willing to tremble before the Lord, knowing that there is no help for the land but Him. Women who tremble at the word of the Lord and at His presence. Are not familiar with God and honour His presence.
7. Women who are willing to go the long haul – who know and believe that whatever the burden, there will be a giving birth

D. WAY FORWARD – What Can We Do?

Matthew 11:12 (AMP)

“And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].”

- Pray and intercede and engage in spiritual warfare.
- Personal revival – Fresh revelation of Jesus through the Holy Spirit and the scriptures
- Pray for revival in the church – a fresh out-pouring of the Holy Spirit to bring a fresh revelation of Jesus Christ through His word.
- Walk the streets, praying and claiming back the land.
- Begin to preach and proclaim the gospel and evangelize, lead souls to Christ and disciple them when they come to the Lord.
- Take responsibility for the political, economic and social climates of our cities and nation, and intercede for righteousness to prevail.
- Take responsibility for the next generation, praying for them and instilling in them the fear of God and the standard of His word.
- We can start give towards the work of the gospel.

Isaiah 66:7-8

““Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy.” Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once? As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons.”(NASB)

It will not be easy. It will take time, but, that is where women are needed once again! One of our inherent strengths is endurance. We have the ability to endure nine long months of pregnancy, accompanied by heartburns, backache and swollen feet. We can certainly go the long haul and endure the length of time it takes to bring change in our world! We will not see the change we

desire, unless we take the burdens, unless we carry them till term and unless we take on the travail and labour. With the help of the Holy Spirit we can birth the fruits of righteousness, justice and peace in our land. The Kingdom of God WILL come!

Isaiah 62:1, 6-7

"For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns... I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."