

Releasing God's Authority in the Nations

I Timothy 2:1-4

- I. **God is raising up a new generation to hear His voice and pray His will into the most desperate and evil places (I Timothy 2:1-4).**
 - A. The place of prayer is precious to Jesus (Mark 11:15-17).
 - B. In I Timothy 2:2, prayer “for kings and all those in authority” is our priority.
 1. The result is “peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”
 2. Good government pleases God (I Timothy 2:3).
 3. Prayer paves the way for people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:4).
 4. In our day, the difference between good and bad rulers is dramatic.
 - C. Praying for governmental authorities is praying according to God's will (I John 5:14-15). We don't get good government, because we don't really believe that our prayers make a difference.

- II. **A modern-day Daniel in the house of Saddam Hussein (as described in the book, Epicenter, by Joel Rosenberg).**
 - A. In November 1990, Saddam Hussein ordered Iraqi General Georges Sada and his colleagues to plan a massive attack against Israel using every plane in the Iraqi Air Force. “If the U.S. dared to attack Iraq, Saddam vowed, then he would order a retaliatory strike against Israel that would involve dropping chemical weapons on...Israeli population centers, killing hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Israelis” (Epicenter, Page 175).
 - B. General Georges Sada was a modern-day Daniel, a man of faith and prayer, whom God used to speak truth to a modern-day Nebuchadnezzar.
 - C. So, what about Gaza? I believe many Georges Sadas are being activated.

- III. **It is God's purpose to release the authority of His Kingdom through His people today.**
 - A. Like Jeremiah, God puts His words into our mouths (Jeremiah 1:9-10).
 - B. We make anointed proclamations in the name of Jesus and heal the most desperate of situations (Acts 3:16), especially with the poor (Matthew 10:5-8, e.g., local apostolic pastor and his churches near Gaza).
 - C. God gives believers today the power to bind and loose in prayer (Matthew 18:18-20; 21:21-22).
 - D. We can especially pray for “kings and all those in authority” (I Timothy 2:1-4).
 - E. By our very presence, we are walking and talking expressions of God's grace, releasing the authority of the Kingdom to those around us (Matthew 10:1-20).

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