

Prophecies for May 16, 2010

God reigns. Despite what we think or feel, He reigns, and He is a shield about us, the lifter of our heads. We just have to remember to lift our heads. Because if we don't, we're either looking down and giving up, or we're looking straight ahead and trying to do it ourselves and knocking our heads against the shield, against the wall over and over again – making useless efforts – when all we really have to do is lift our heads. And then we can see Him up above reigning and in control. And all we have to do is lift our heads and hands because if we lift our hands, He can lift us up out of it or He can hold a hand and help us through it. You reign, God. You reign.

I'd like to confirm that word. Through the last two songs the Lord has said, "What are you looking at?" In the world everything is screaming, "Look at me! Look at me!" all the time. There is so much information, so much media of various sorts coming at us all the time saying, "Look at me! Pay attention to me." In the midst of that God does not shout. He just waits. He reigns over us like He reigns over the waters in Genesis. And He waits. Eventually we stop being so distracted that we notice what was there all along. As Amanda said – as long as we're looking down or looking around at everything, we don't even notice that He was there all along. Sometimes I wonder why God doesn't go ahead and shout to get our attention. But I guess it's like Jesus said: they didn't listen to Moses and the prophets – they won't listen to Him rising from the dead. That was His shout. If they didn't notice that they won't pay attention if He shouts. God wants us to pay attention to what we are looking at. He's waiting for us to stop looking at things that don't need our attention.

I may add something to that... it's from G.K. Chesterton. Imagine for a moment a bunch of children playing a ball game – soccer, baseball – next to a sheer cliff that goes down to the sea – 30, 40, 50 feet down. Those children are very scared to play their game because they're afraid they're going to lose the ball or fall off the cliff. But what the Lord gives us is a fence. The world sees that fence and thinks, "God, they're so restricted, so trapped." But what the fence does is sets us free. The fence protects us from the yawning chasm, the cliff that could send us over the edge from which we would never return. God has give us a fence of His love around us so that we can play, so we can be joyful, so we can know the freedom with which Christ has set us free. That is His shield about us. He wants us to play. He doesn't want us to be afraid of the cliff. He doesn't want us to be afraid of all the danger – because there is danger. There is still danger, but He wants us to play. He wants us to be free. So where are you looking? Are you looking at the cliff? Are you looking at the sea wondering if you're going to fall? He is a shield about us. We have trouble seeing the fence, but it's there. He'll catch you. "Play, My children," He says. "Be joyful. Don't be afraid. I am here. Don't be afraid."

This is just a personal testimony. Years and years and years ago I got hung up on the line, "Seek my face." Well, I didn't get hung up on it, God made me get hung up on it. I would lie in bed night after night and close my eyes and try to see His face. It was only when I did that that He spoke to me. He told me what I needed to do. It's not complicated. It's just, "Seek My face."