

## **Prophetic Words for June 8, 2008**

The Lord says it's not time to be afraid. Everyday, Lord, you tell us to not be afraid when we come before you. The Lord is overjoyed that we're here this morning. So, Lord, we just lay our lives before you right now. Please take it from us, Lord. We just can't deal with it by ourselves.

I was hearing a word from the Lord, and, as I usually do, I was arguing with God saying, "Well, we've heard that one before, God." And He said, "Yes, you have heard that one before. But until you start doing it, I'm going to keep telling you." He said, "Remove your slicker. Put down your umbrella. Come out from under the shelter for my healing rain is falling down. You think it comes as fire. You're afraid. Your prayer is that you will not be afraid. Continue to pray. Continue to seek. Continue to come out from under the shelters you have established so that my healing rain may wash over you and may change you and create you in my image. Come, come out, come out. Come to me," says the Lord. "And I will wash you clean, and I will make you whole, and I will make you holy," says the Lord. "Do not, do not be afraid for my rain is a healing rain. And it will make you whole once again," says the Lord.

In these recent days of heat wave I would suggest that every one of us has had a refreshing shower after being so hot and how wonderful we feel. How much more we feel, more refreshed, more energized, more healed by God's healing on us, pouring on us, just gushing stronger and gentler, but just covering our whole body, every pore, filling us with joy, healing and comfort.

The word I heard was gentle. The Lord's healing rain is gentle. He's not going to give us more than we can stand. And I kept seeing a picture of Melissa Calvert's three-week-old baby that was sleeping on stage all through the production and dress rehearsal. And when someone would come and just scoop him up in their arms, they were very gentle with him. And that's the way the Lord's going to be with us. But we have to believe that and not be afraid. Gentle. He will be gentle with us. The healing rain is a gentle rain.

I just kept hearing a word when we were singing "Not afraid, not afraid". The Lord was saying, "Oh, but you are. Oh, but you are. Oh, but you are." And why? Fear is Satan's biggest weapon. He's the prince of fear. If he can make you afraid, he's got you. And the thing you've got to remember is, nobody is more afraid than Satan. Satan is terrified. And one of the ways he operates out of that is to try to make us afraid, because he is less afraid if other people are afraid, too. And, so we can't go there. I mean, we're with the other team. And the other team is hope, the other team is faith, and the other team is trust. We can't get on that team. That's what I kept hearing, "You are afraid." Don't be afraid. That's not your team. Don't join in.

Another thing is the slicker and the umbrella are what we might label as self-respect. Another word for that is pride. The word that proved that for me during that song was when an incredible amount of healing occurred. I came in with a lot of burdens today. And they're all gone. Lay that down. He will take care. You don't have to worry about looking silly or looking stupid. This is a safe place. God is in charge. He's the one that matters.

When Amanda was saying something about the healing rain was gentle, the Lord brought the scripture to mind, “A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench.” And the fact is, He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows us better than anybody else even our parents. He knew us way before we ever came into being in our mother’s loins. He knows exactly what’s needed and what time, He know what’s there. A lot of times I find when I expect a lightning bolt and I expect huge chastisement, His way of sometimes giving me chastisement is wrapping His arms around me and letting me cry. And that breaks down any kind of resistance and it shows me the compassion of the heart of God.

One percent of 40 million is 400,000. The top one percent of the brightest and best of that 40 million is 400,000. Think what they could have done if they had lived, how they could have helped the world. They were thrown away. God forgive us.

Thomas Jefferson said, speaking of a different issue, but it’s still appropriate. “I tremble for my nation when I consider that God is just.”

A very different sort of politician said that one death is a tragedy; a million is a statistic. That was Joseph Stalin, by the way. It’s very true. Once you start getting into big numbers we have trouble believing it matters. That 40,000 dead in China because of an earthquake or however many people have died in the war on terror – whatever. We have six billion people. And then I think of Mason laying there on stage, that little – the size of a bag of flour maybe. And that’s it – right there. That’s life, and each life is important. God doesn’t think of it as being overpopulated. God thinks He didn’t screw up when He made all these people. Each life has meaning and value. I come back again to that vow we make to respect the dignity of every human being. How are we doing on that?

It begins with us. It begins with us. Living our vows.

So, let’s be about that.

This is profiling. It’s racial profiling. This is the race of the unborn. May God forgive us. The little babies that could’ve been – we take and try to protect our children. And how many times do we see in newspapers, “Let’s raise our taxes for the children, for our schools,” but the most innocent of all are killed for convenience. God have mercy on us.

I think the other thing that’s coming out of that song, we need to remember is, if our God reigns that means nobody else reigns. It means nobody else reigns. Satan doesn’t reign. The world does not reign. Sin does not reign. The president doesn’t reign, your boss doesn’t reign, and you most definitely do not reign. Our God reigns. And the flipside of repentance and sorrow and regret which is all true is getting this feeling that somehow evil is winning or has won. And that’s not true. That’s not what’s in charge. If you don’t remember that, you give up. Our God reigns.