Daily Devotion #161

**Painted with Blood**

**Matthew 12:30 (NASB)** *"He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.”*

When Jeremiah was a young man, God told him to speak all the things that he was told by God and not to be afraid of anyone who would scoff at him. He did that faithfully because Jeremiah knew that God has appointed him as a prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:4-8) God used Jeremiah greatly in those days, to warn Israel and to call them back to Him.

In fact, many prophets arose from Israel over the years to call them back to God and to keep them on the right path, the path of righteousness. There was Isaiah, Elijah, Samuel, Ezra, even John the Baptist - great men of God who God used to get His Word into the hearts of people – often through dreams and visions.

I would never claim to be a prophet like these men, but there are times when God calls people to be His spokesmen. Today, there are prophets, not prophets who foretell the future, but men who proclaim the completed Word of God. That is my role. My purpose in this life is to tell what God has written. I don’t need to come up with some amazing story to capture the attention of people. God has told us what is going to happen. We have the beginning of all things given to us in Genesis. We have the end of many things along with the beginning of new things given to us in Revelation.

But sometimes God does interesting things through those who have been called to be the teachers of His Word. For example, last night I was awakened from a dream about 2:30 a.m. The dream was very real and vivid as dreams often are. But this was different. In this dream I was walking on the grounds of some unknown place to me, but it appeared to be a political building or somewhere people are who make decisions for the country, the government grounds if you will. In the dream, I was preaching with my whole heart - somewhat like a street preacher, while people were passing by. What I remember well was my final sentence. It was this, “*The steps of every capital building should be painted red with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. And if they are not, God says He will paint them red with blood, your blood! Your blood*!” I remember as I was preaching and screaming those words at the top of my lungs that people were just walking by, ignoring everything I said. When I woke up, my heart was pounding, and I knew that God wanted me to share that dream and that message. I thought for a moment and knew that I needed to write it down so I wouldn’t forget it. I even wrote down the verse for today – at 2:30 in the morning.

There was a last part of the dream where I saw someone very dear to me walking by, but they were ignoring me too. I think it is possible that maybe God was saying that there will be those who are close to you and people you love who will ignore the message of God. I’m not sure, but that seems to be accurate.

Now let me clearly say that dreams can be weird and confusing. And today, we don’t need dreams to hear from God, but I do think that while we are two weeks from a very important election for our country and our world, if the dream means nothing else, it is a reminder of what God has already told us. **Psalm 33:12 (NASB)** “*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance*.”

Beloved, you and I do not belong to this world, but God certainly works in this world through us. You and I, as believers in Jesus Christ, cannot separate our faith from our daily lives. We must always be who we are in Christ. Therefore, when we vote or do anything in this life, we must, we must, vote or make our decisions based on what God has told us in His Word. To separate our earthly life from our spiritual life is to deny the Holy God in us.

I don’t know what the statement means that God will paint the steps with the blood of people, but I know that souls are at stake. I can only understand the statement to mean that those who scoff at His Word will become food for the antichrist one day or they will become food for Satan now. Their blood will be required, and they will be held accountable for the rejection of Jesus when they stand before God in the final judgment.

Whatever this dream means, if anything, just know Beloved, God called you with a holy calling to be His servants. So, live your lives in service to Him in everything that you do. Do your part to lead people to the knowledge of the truth.