

Which Way Will the Scales Tip?

The body of Christ, the nations of the Earth and the United States of America are currently at a tipping point. This is a strategic time when the scales of justice shift from one direction or point of view to another.

At these critical moments, things change in a society or nation for good or for evil. One thing is for sure; they never remain the same.

What determines the outcome? Who decides? Can we actually have an impact? Scripture is clear about the power of a compassionate heart that sows in intercession and tears. By softening our hearts and crying out to God together for mercy, we can tip the scales to bring forth the rain of awakening upon the Earth.

The Scales of Justice

Over the years, the scales of justice have been used to symbolize the balance between truth and fairness sought after in the judicial system. These scales of justice are a universal symbol of the ideals aspired to in the legal system. They remind attorneys, judges and juries of the sobering task before them.

Each side of the scales represents a divergent view of a case presented before the court. After all the evidence and arguments have been presented by each side, the scales then tip one way or the other determining which side appears to have made the weightier case.

Webster's Dictionary defines a tipping point as *"the critical point in a situation, process or system beyond which a significant and often unstoppable effect or change takes*

place.” Collins English Dictionary describes it simply as “*the crisis stage in a process, when a significant change takes place.*”

Wikipedia brings us additional insight. “*A tipping point is a point in time when a group—or a large number of group members—rapidly and dramatically changes its behavior by widely adopting a previously rare practice. The phrase was first used in physics, where it referred to the adding a small amount of weight to a balanced object until the additional weight caused the object to suddenly and completely topple, or tip.*”

Passionate Prayer Changes Things!

Matthew Henry, an English theologian declared, “*When God intends to do great mercy for his people, the first thing He does is to set them a-praying!*” S. D. Gordon stated, “*Man can do more for God than pray. But you cannot do more for God and man than pray until you have prayed.*”

Charles Finney, who was known for his phenomenal evangelistic successes during the Second Great Awakening, had equally phenomenal prayer support by Father Nash behind the scenes. He is quoted as saying, “*Revival is no more a miracle than a crop of wheat. Revival comes from heaven when heroic souls enter the conflict determined to win or die—or if need be, to win AND die.*”

Isaiah the prophet, battled with an unrepentant and even defiant nation of Israelites, who refused to acknowledge sin or abandon its idols even in the face of defeat, bondage and literal slavery to other nations. Then God issued a challenge to His people through the prophet that reveals the heart of God toward us—even when we are in sin and trying to justify our rebellion.

“*Put Me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified*” (Is. 43:26 KJV).

"Put Me in remembrance, let us argue our case together; State your cause, that you may be proved right" (Is. 43:26, NASV).

"Oh, remind Me of this promise of forgiveness, for we must talk about your sins. Plead your case for My forgiving you" (Is. 43:26, TLB).

Tears Upon Dry Ground

Recently, I had two experiences that deeply impacted my heart. In a dream, I was standing on dry, parched ground that was longing for moisture and relief. I saw raindrops falling from heaven, and when each drop hit the Earth, I heard a sound. With each drop that fell, I heard the word "Awake." Another drop came, then another, with the same word "Awake" released upon contact. As the rain continued to increase the sound shifted from "Awake" to "Awaken" and eventually to "Awakening!" Finally the downpour of rain produced a sound of "AWAKENING!"

In the same week I had another heart-wrenching encounter. The presence of the Lord came upon me on a Prayer Teleconference Call and I began to weep. The phone call was over but the weeping presence of the Lord for our nation remained upon me. I continued weeping in my bedroom for 8 hours until 4:00 a.m. Eventually I fell asleep but was awakened by the voice of the Lord at 8:00 a.m. I heard the soothing voice of the Holy Spirit say, *"You know what I do with your tears, don't you? I store them up in my bottles in heaven. When they are full, I then turn them upside down and they become the next raindrops from heaven falling upon parched hearts and dry ground. Your tears become My next outpouring."*

"You take account of my wandering; put my tears in Your bottle; are they not in Your book?" (Ps. 56:8).

How Desperate Are You?

Beloved, God is weeping over the condition of our nations and the hard condition of the heart of the body of Christ. He is travailing through us with tears for our own breakthrough. We know that when we sow in tears, we will reap in joy (Ps. 126:5). This principle applies first to Jesus, and then to every believer who enters into this identification with His heart.

Do you want awakening? Do you want true revival, the restoration of God's glory? Do you want your family, neighbors and friends to come to Jesus Christ? Do you want a turnaround for this nation? Do you want the body of Christ to have a new heart? How desperate are you?

Try passionate, heartfelt prayer that expresses itself even in tears. Yes, try tears. Drop your defenses and become tenderhearted. Enter into the vulnerability and desperation in your inner being. Grab hold of heaven's heart and do not let go until the Third Great Awakening is fully released. Let's lift a united cry until a Global Jesus People Movement is moving from shore to shore.

We are at the crossroads. Which way will the scales tip? Together, we can help determine the outcome! Together, through our collective cries for mercy, we can tip the scales and the rain of revival, restoration and recovery will come pouring forth.

Let's saturate our prayers and saturate our land with tears. Why? Prayer changes things! {eoa}

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