

Kingdom Report

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Drought and Dominion

I want to make some comments on a media controversy here in South Africa this last week and draw some lessons from it that I hope will be of benefit to you in understanding the ways of the Lord.

This last week Bro. Angus Buchan held a press conference to announce a great prayer meeting in Cape Town for 24th March. The purpose as you can see from the video Youtube clip is to pray about the horrific crime in Cape Town.
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=742CHiAaDic&feature=player_embedded)
And then he added the controversial remarks....the drought will not end until Cape Town repents.

Needless to say this has caused a major media frenzy...."God is angry with Cape Town says Angus Buchan".

I want to make some suggestions for you to consider in this entire very controversial area of divine guidance, hearing the voice of God, what is God's purposes in the earth etc. Basically to what extent will God intervene in the affairs of mankind on earth and to what extent can we intercede to change the course of the events of life. I am going to tread carefully here because this topic has had probably many more books and sermons done than any other I can think of and all I can do here is offer you some guidelines.

First: I hope every one that can make it to the Cape Town prayer meeting in Mitchells Plain in March does so. Why? because this is spiritual warfare to break and bind the demonic forces over a city.

There is absolutely no question about this. Spiritual warfare is a reality. Men must pray over their families as high priests before the Lord (along with their wives in the powerful prayer of agreement "where two or three are gathered together in my name..."). Churches must gather to pray over their communities.

And then there is a time when the nation must pray. I offer this proof to you. Remember the time when Bro. Angus last year called the nation to prayer outside Bloemfontein and a million Christians came to pray? Our nation was (and still is) in serious political and financial trouble. Do you remember what happened after that? Everyone and the media suspected that the nation's political system had been captured by the Gupta family....but nothing was being done. Then after this national prayer meeting a flood of incriminating evidence suddenly emerges...200,000 hidden emails appear connected the dots for all to see where the corruption and who the corruption.

The result? We have a new president who is energizing the government in a massive anti-corruption drive. People are going to be exposed and go to jail. There is a new hope in our nation. Prayer changes the course of nations.

This is not only happening here in South Africa but it is happening all over the world. The political elite of nations are being rooted out and corruption exposed. In Africa there is a turnaround in Zimbabwe, Angola, Ghana....not just South Africa. In Brazil the most popular president in their history, Lula is fighting a 9 year prison sentence for corruption. In Saudi Arabia the 32 year old crown prince has thrown hundreds of corrupt royal family princes in jail until they return their stolen billions. In China President Xi has literally jailed thousands of corrupt government officials in a national anti-corruption drive with some of the worse offenders being executed.

Here is my first important observation to you:

There is an out church theology on the "end times" a constant theme of how bad the earth is to such an extent that God must take His people out of the earth and let Satan take over the world and then God destroys the earth and starts all over again. Let me state this clearly: This is false theology! For too many reasons that I can possibly state in this blog.

Instead open your eyes (both spiritual and natural) and see the reality all around you: The world has never been in a better situation both in terms of the preaching of the gospel and mass revivals all over the earth and has never been in a better place as regards crime (every decade less crime per capita in all sectors), poverty, sickness etc.

Know this...the Church will be victorious over time and the glory of the Lord will fill the earth and Satan and his demonic forces will be bound and judged.

My comments above relate to this: There is an interaction between the Lord God and ourselves. He is sovereign over all but He has given man responsibility over the earth. Therefore there are things we must do and there are things He will do. He will bind and cast out the forces of darkness that plague mankind if we intercede and use our spiritual authority in Christ.....

but we must subdue the earth! Now I am going to repeat that so that you understand the very important part of what must we do and what must God do.

From Genesis 1:26-28....God's first command to mankind....be productive, multiply and subdue the earth! God subdues the heavenlies...we subdue the earth!

Which brings me to the issue of water and drought and what do we do about water and drought. And here I disagree with Bro. Angus....which I do with some trepidation as I really love the brother and respect him in both his prophetic role in our nation and for his obedience to the voice of God.

I really do hope and pray we can open the heavens with prayer...it has happened in the past. There is no reason it should not happen in the future.

However I need to remind you what God's water policy is with regard to planet earth as taught by Jesus....

Matthew 5:44-45 ***"But I say unto you love your enemies, bless them that curse you do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you. That you may be the children of your father which is in heaven: For he makes the sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sends the rain on the just and the unjust."***

God's policy is to do good to all on the earth. That means there is no correlation between rainfall and the number of Christians or good people in a city. This was in fact a constant source of complaint with the Old Testament prophets...why do the wicked prosper? Why do your people suffer?

In fact I can take it further. To my great sorrow I have noticed what seems to be an increasing amount of cancer incidents among God's people and that includes some very great preachers that I know. How many of us have cried over the seemingly random deaths of Christians in accidents on the road?

Let me give you some guidance here that may help....

Because we charismatics live in the expectation of the miraculous we are in constant awareness of if there is a problem we can call upon divine intervention. What is the point of constant prayer of teachings on faith if the purpose is not for divine intervention in the affairs of life. What is the point of guardian angels if not to help and assist in times of crisis?

Now let me give you the other side of the situation...

Yes there things that we want to call on our heavenly Father to do for us...if we ask him for bread will he give us a stone?

But then there are things that our heavenly Father wants us to do....such as He wants us to subdue the earth!

Let me tell you what that means to me....

In Genesis 1:31 the Lord says that after He made the heavens and the earth He looked at it and said "it was very good".

Now get this, and here most people make a big mistake in Biblical interpretation...they say yes the earth was very good then but after the fall of Adam the earth was cursed and that is why we need a new earth...we cannot fix it. Actually not so....Genesis 8:21 says "Never again will I curse the ground because of men..."

Here is the truth...God has given us work to do...all of us. Work is good for us. God created the earth as a discipleship training ground. You develop the fruits of the Spirit through the challenges and blessings of work.

Everything that mankind needs to create prosperity and end poverty is on the earth and around the earth. Everything that we need to heal our bodies is there to be

discovered. But here is the great secret of the earth....everything we need is not in one place and it is not just given to us on a platter.

We need steel to make constructions for habitats....but for steel you need coking coal, iron ore, manganese, limestone flux, nickel, chrome and they are all in different places on the earth. So you need to trade what you have with those things that others have. You can either trade or you can steal through war and slavery. Through history mankind has learned that God's way is better...you can get more through peaceful trade than through war.

God takes Adam into the garden and watches him to see what he would call the various things there....God sends us out in the world and the cosmos and we must discover things through diligent study and research...when we identify a thing we know how to use it...we now know what an atom or electron is...and then we can use it.

Psalm 115:16 "The heaven even the heavens are the Lord's but the earth has he given to the sons of men."

God has given us, mankind, this earth. He made it and He wants a return on His investment in us. But we need to take care of our gift. Everything is not laid upon a platter for us. If we are going to subdue the earth there are essential things that need to be done:

- we need to do study and research to understand our inheritance if we are going to benefit by it.
- we need to cooperate with others to get things done
- we need fair laws to regulate our trade and interactions with others.
- we need capital goods to process the bounty of the earth into useful products and that means the need for savings and investments.
- we need good governance among the nations of the earth so that more resources can be devoted to people rather than war and theft and crime.

When you take all the factors that go into making a prosperous earth for all then you realize that these are all the teachings of scripture we all know to be true...which means that those of us who follow God's laws will in actual fact end up owning the earth.

Now for one other important fact of how God created the earth...the cycles of time!

I want you to again read the very much quoted Ecclesiastes 3...."To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven" You know this chapter but read it again.

There is a time for sowing and reaping, there is a time for peace and war, there is a time for rain and droughts.

So what do we do about the drought in our province? Well the truth is this...we have know for years that we have entered a new cycle of rainfall. Every year for years there has been less rain. That is not because every year we have had more sin. It is part of the cycles of the earth.

But there are solutions. There is no shortage of water on planet earth. There is no shortage of water in the Western Province where we live.

One of the things all nations are learning is this:

We are being ruled by politicians who are great at talking but have no clue as to anything technical or how to run large organizations. Politics have become poisonous and politicians clueless as to how to gather the people and the resources of a nation to bring us together to solve problems.

Here we Christians can make a difference. We understand the principle of calling and anointing...there are people called of God and gifted by God to do things in life.

There are engineers and hydrologists that know how to solve the water crisis. Politics and politicians stand in the way. The same goes for all our departments of state. We are ruled by the incompetent because they happen to belong to a particular party. This is a worldwide phenomenon.

Those days of party politics allowing a nation to suffer under incompetents, people who have no calling or ability from God to do the job, those days are coming to an end. But before that we must suffer under fools until as the scripture says "the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom".

So when you pray about the drought and water here is a prayer that needs answering....Lord place rulers over our land who are anointed by you with the competence to plan and properly subdue the earth to bring water to your people. And for that matter police commissioners who are called by God to fight crime, energy ministers who are proper engineers who understand power engineering etc etc.

Have faith the Lord will provide...He has His people trained and ready in all areas of our nation to take responsibility for the tasks ahead...lets pray them into power!