

December 19th 2010 – Preparing for the Birth of Your Promises

Introduction:

We need to be in a place where we are ready to receive the birth of the promises that God has spoken over us and for the prophetic that we hold onto to, to come to pass. The time between receiving the word and fulfilment can be difficult but we still need to be ready and in a position to receive.

Promises in Scripture:

We see in Scripture two of Israel's most significant promises:

The Promised Land – Exodus 3

and even more importantly, the Messiah – Luke 1

Keys can be drawn from both these experiences, negative and positive.

How do we get ready?

Believe in It – Do you believe the promises God has given you? – Luke 1:45 – Mary believed in the promise that it would come to pass. The Israelites could no longer once they saw the impossibility of it with their “earthly” eyes and mind.

Intercede for it – Are you contending for your promise? Are you interceding for it? There will be things that try and distract you from it, therefore are you pursuing it?

Relying on God – Are you doing it on his Strength or you doing it on your own? One of the Israelites biggest mistakes was that they became self-reliant and thought they could take the promised land without God – Numbers 14

Thanksgiving and Praise – Throughout the process of waiting for the fulfilment are you maintaining a heart attitude of praise and Thanksgiving? In the Birth narrative we see three songs of praise; Mary, Zechariah and the Angels. In the journey to the promised land there was a lot of grumbling.

Hearing the Voice of God – Throughout this time are you hearing what God is saying to you in the here and now? Is he calling you into action, or is he calling you be still? – If Mary and Joseph didn't listen then there would have not have been involved in the Christmas Story.

Get in a position to receive the birth of your promises!

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