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i think today of all the great men and women of faith that have gone before. they have plowed the way and set examples for us to follow. we were blessed to have had them. all this birthed from a single man in one of the smallest nations of the world. how did this one man, supposedly dead, beginning with a few handpicked disciples "turn the world upside down"?

it was because there were men like peter who had walked with Jesus and learned from Him. one day as he walked into the temple to pray he was accosted by a beggar man, much as people are today on the streets. instead of brushing him off and walking on, he demanded his attention and then proceeded to say, "silver and gold have i none; but such as i have give i thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of nazareth rise up and walk." acts 3:6

these last two thousand years, men and women have also walked with Him. though they knew Him no longer after the flesh, they explored the depths of the Spirit and entered the intimacy He offers. they also often performed great miracles and taught great truths. many sat at their table and were fed by them. the word of God was not in abundant supply as it is now. as such, i ask, "is it time to feed ourselves and not wait to be spoon fed"?

has the time come when God no longer exalts the one but desires to exalt the many? does He wants us all to take our place; not as babies needing fed, but as sons feeding ourselves. "the creation eagerly waits for the

revealing of the sons of God". rom 8:19 and rom 8:22 says "the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs" waiting for that revealing. this earth is a creation and even now it senses the revealing is near and is in travail. the birth pains are growing in intensity, obvious to anyone watching.

could a few people today, walking in His power and glory, again turn the world upside down? it would require "they did not love their lives to the death". rev 12:11 it says they overcame by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony. perhaps we all can claim a testimony, but have we forgotten the blood? years past i can remember people pleading the blood. any bad situation or even the thoughts attempting to enter our minds, the blood of Jesus would be pleaded. this was our victory card, our trump card. it was the authority which automatically prevailed over all others.

the church has always experienced it's greatest growth and glory in times of persecution. is that perhaps because it is then we draw closer to the One who truly matters. i think those times of persecution are now spreading farther than the few boundaries it was once limited to. countries that were long spreaders of the word must now becoming defenders of the word.

canada just passed a bill that claims parts of the bible are myth. the promotion and sharing of biblical teachings will be a jailable offence that officially "causes harm to society". a person is expected to present love as acceptance; acceptance of any perversion from the word of God.

who will be these modern defenders of truth? whosoever will. whosoever will be defenders of the truth. whosoever will stand against lies and deception and lawlessness. whosoever will not compromise on the word of God. and do you know what else the whosoever will do? "whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." rev 22:17

they will know that joys and glory of He Who inhabits eternity. they will share it with Him. "this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison". 2 cor 4:17 esv it requires a view that goes beyond what the human eye can see. "we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 1 cor 4:18 how is your vision?

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