

"The Emboldened Leader Within"

Will I look to the holy hills where the cathedrals of power are located for help? Not at all! My help comes from the Lord", Ps 121:1

I've often reflected deeply on this text. The psalmist looks at the hills of Mt Moriah and Mt. Zion, the location of the ark of the covenant, the altars and the sacred oracles and asks rhetorically, "why must we look to the symbols only, even though good? Must I wait on theological, secular and civil authorities of princes and great men for my cue? Not at all. My help, my wisdom and my drive truly comes from another source that is beyond the hills and mountains, "God and God Alone", for only He can save me.

Each of us is created with a chip of the Divine spark, namely, "the emboldened leader within". Deep down, embedded in our DNA is the proclivity to be in charge yet to be held accountable, and fight to the end in every righteous cause, to "look up" for authority. Yet, this spark has been marred by the evil effects of sin, so that we become fearful and gaze only to the hills. We are careful to be docile, meek and mild, never to offend, to be politically correct, to stay in our proverbial lanes, to pre-stage and arrange all matters carefully, and to be orderly and decent in the face in all things. Yet I think that this entire style can be taken yet too far and can snuff out the leader within, the emboldened divine spark that God wants to call out evil in these end times and to look beyond principalities and powers.

The die has been cast, and the battle trump has sounded. We are in a great controversy between good and evil, a moral war to the death, the war of integrity versus deceit, righteousness versus unrighteousness, and "going along just to get along". In time like these we need a righteous armor. Today, be encouraged and take this armor with you into daily battle:

1. "No weapon formed against you shall prosper", Isaiah 54:17.
2. "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid", Joshua 1:9.
3. "When you walk through the waters, I will be with you...Isaiah 43:2.
4. "The angel of the Lord encamps round about them...Psalm 34:7.
5. "Do not be afraid of the terror by night nor the arrow by day, Ps 91:5.
6. "Blessed are when shall revile you and persecute you...Matt 5:11-13.
7. "Not by might nor by power, but my spirit says the Lord", Zech 4:6.
8. "The Lord is my refuge and strength..." Psalm 46:1-2.

We are called to be fearless in these fearsome times— "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me" (Psalm 23). We are called to boldness.

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