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“THE MINISTRY OF SLEEPING...”

A Prophetic Word by Al Thomas

As I was reading ‘*I will give you rest...*’ (Matt. 11:28) I heard God say, “I AM ABOUT TO GIVE MORE THAN REST TO MY CHILDREN, I AM GOING TO GIVE THEM SLEEP.”

God said, “FIRST, I WILL PUT YOUR ENEMIES IN A DEEP SLEEP...”

“Remember my servant David, ‘*So David took the spear and the jug of water from beside Saul’s head, and they went away, but no one saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a sound sleep from the Lord had fallen on them*’ (1 Samuel 26: 12b). The enemy of sickness, discouragement, confusion and fear will weaken and slumber deeply. Then, while they sleep, you are going to walk right into the enemy’s camp, take their weapons and fresh water, and walk right out. You will not destroy them (I, the Lord will do that). You will simply disarm them (Eph. 6: 10-17). Then, you need to take a nap...”

God said, “AS PETER SLEPT WHILE IN PRISON, DO LIKEWISE. YOU NEED SOME REST FOR THE COMING BATTLE. I WILL USE THE TIME (THAT YOU THOUGHT WAS BONDAGE) TO REFRESH YOU...”

“There is a time to work, fight and resist, but there is also a time to rest while I work for you (Ex. 14:14). Sometimes I can do more for you when you are sleeping than when you are awake. No, you are not giving in to the devil. As Peter was released by My angel (Acts 12: 3-11) I will release you from bondage. But notice Peter did not start demanding to be released immediately, rather he was so confident that I would deliver him, he calmly closed his eyes and took a nap. As many saints were praying for him (vs. 5) more than you know are praying for you. Relax. You have prayed and made your request known (Philip. 4:6), now be at peace (vs. 7). I have dispatched a divine posse and more is happening that you can see (2 Kings 6:16-17). I am on the job and My timing is perfect. While it is true some need to awaken from a slothful faith (Eph. 5:14), many more need to rest in Me (Matt. 11:28-30). You’re getting sleepy now...”

God Said, “I’M ABOUT TO MOVE WHILE YOU SNOOZE...”

“I’m not talking about laziness or procrastination (Proverbs 6:4; 20:13). Working hard actually makes your sleep sweet... (Eccl. 5:12). No, this is a divine sleep...a heavenly rest that brings direction and deliverance. Many will experience ministry from Me while they sleep. I put Adam into a deep sleep (Genesis 2:21) and made Eve...imagine what I can do with a little nap. I am sending angels to visit many through dreams. Testimonies will soon come forth of divine direction. As I gave Joseph instructions in a dream (Matthew 1:20) I will do the same with you. Forty winks will accomplish for some what a forty day fast did for others. Many will experience their healing in an afternoon siesta... While slumbering you will hear My voice, after dozing off you will awaken with new enthusiasm for your calling. Some, previously fearful, will fall asleep and awaken with a supernatural sense of peace

and safety (Proverbs 3:24). When in the past, dread was your companion, now sweetness will accompany you each time you awaken (Jeremiah 31:26). Still, with others, before I set things upright, I am going to put them in a deep sleep (Daniel 8:18) and that is when they will hear Me. No distractions, no doubts, no temptations and no sleeping pills needed. Some will criticize you for oversleeping, ignore them. Some might say, 'You're lazy.' But you and I know you're not. Your eyes are heavy now, come, it's ministry time...in your sleep. Good night...

**'It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows:
for so he giveth his beloved' sleep. Psalm 127:2**