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colonies would experience liberty as a country—as the Declaration of Independence was signed and the Revolutionary War was begun. After another 80 years passed, the abolitionists adopted the Liberty Bell and the Leviticus passage as their symbol of freedom. Finally, the Emancipation Proclamation was signed in 1863. Surely there was someone who was praying for liberty in 1701 who never lived to see 1776, and it is a certainty that those praying in 1701 did not live to see 1863.

Sometimes we, as intercessors, are called to pray for things that we may never see manifested or brought to resolution. Intercession is often tough enough without this truth, but this is also the raw reality before every praying believer. It is not whether we see victories; it is whether we are obedient and persist in our prayers. Let us continue in expectant faith and anticipate victories, but let us not give up if all is not “answered” in short order—or even in our lifetimes.

Listen now to the words spoken to Daniel, and hear them for yourself: “Do not be afraid, O man (or woman) highly esteemed ... peace! Be strong now, be strong.”

It would seem that many who pray for this nation have seen some breakthroughs and political shifts in recent days; but keep yourself braced—we are engaged in battles whose total victory will not be seen until the Lord returns. We are standing on the shoulders of faithful Christian intercessors who founded this country. They demonstrated patience and stamina; so must we. Our task is not done until the Groom has come for the Bride. “Be strong now!” Even so, come Lord Jesus!

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FINDING MERCY IN THE GAP

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It was chilling to follow newscasts in early February and hear CIA Director Leon Panetta and FBI Director Robert Mueller each answer a cold, resolute “yes” to Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s question as to whether we should expect an al Qaida terrorist attack on the U.S. within six months. It was even more sobering to hear our National Security officials go on to explain that what is “most troubling” is al Qaida’s growing ability to “adapt” and operate secretly within the U.S. The Council on American-Islamic Relations and perhaps other Muslim non-profit groups in the U.S. have not been filing their required IRS tax forms.

Let us earnestly pray that U.S. intelligence agents and Homeland Security officials will have discernment to correctly “connect the dots” during this critical time.

On many newscasts, the report of a heightened terrorist threat was followed by our nation’s two top defense officials, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen, presumptuously declaring that they are in full agreement with Barack Obama and that they were taking immediate steps to end enforcement of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” ban on open homosexuality in the U.S. military. Congress passed the ban signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993.

These are days in which we need to stand in the GAP (Ezekiel 22:30) on behalf of our nation, the Church and their leaders and cry out: “In wrath remember mercy!” (Habakkuk 3:2)

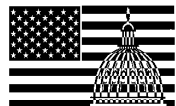
These are days in which we must never underestimate the power of even one minute of sincere intercessory prayer from a heart that loves the Living God.

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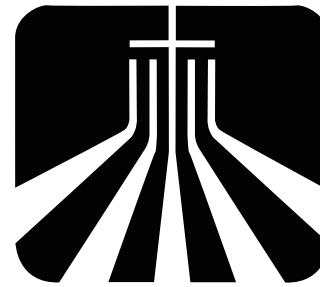
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The road of the intercessor is a long one. Daniel is an example. In the year 551 BC Daniel received a vision of the rise and fall of empires. A six-year span of time was described in the vision where deceit would prosper as a “ram” (Medo-Persian Empire) and a “goat” (Greece) would battle both Media and Persia. Daniel was astonished and appalled, grew faint, and lay ill for several days after the vision. (Daniel 8) Nothing transpired until the year 539 BC when God gave Daniel another vision which foretold the restoration of Jerusalem and the coming of the Anointed One.

Two years later in 537 BC, Daniel received revelation of a great war which caused him to seek God and mourn for 21 days. A “Heavenly Warrior” appeared to him who described what had been going on. Evidently, for three full weeks a tremendous spiritual battle had ensued between this Heavenly Warrior and the “prince of Persia.” Even the Archangel Michael had been brought in on the action. Finally, after 21 days, there was a breakthrough in the battle against the “prince of Persia” and Daniel was given an up-to-date battle report.

Then the angel spoke words that every intercessor needs to hear: “Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed... peace! Be strong now, be strong.” (Daniel 9:19) These words were spoken to Daniel to impart strength and give him courage. Even the mighty Daniel, a valiant man who had endured much and suffered the inside of the lion’s den, grew weary.

It is natural and easy for intercessors to become weary and tired. But we need to understand that there are battles being fought in the heavenlies at this very time that we don’t know much or often anything about. We are unaware, but God and His hosts are engaged! Be strong, Intercessor! Realize that God has dispatched His mighty warriors. He is ever working behind the scenes in the heavenlies. The Liberty Bell carries this quote from Leviticus 25:10: “... proclaim liberty and freedom throughout all the land...” This Bell was ordered in 1751 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Pennsylvania’s Charter of Privileges, its first Constitution, signed in 1701. Fifty years of hoping—and certainly praying—saw many still waiting for God to bring this passage to reality. Another 25 years unfolded before the

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“Proclaim liberty and freedom throughout the land.” —Lev 25:10

MARCH 2010 PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday, March 7, 2010

ISRAEL | MIDDLE EAST – Offer thanksgiving for a moving of God and revelation of Christ as Messiah among Jews, Arabs, Palestinians and all the Semitic peoples of the Middle East. Pray that Jesus, “the Lord of the harvest” (Mt 9:38), send forth more laborers throughout the whole of Israel and the Middle East. Pray that the Lord will thwart persecution.

Sunday, March 14, 2010

CHAPLAINS – Some of the most overworked and understaffed “pastors” are chaplains serving in the military, prisons, hospitals, government, and the workplace. Pray that all Christian chaplains be protected, strengthened, encouraged, provided for, and granted rest and vacation time. Pray that they are granted discernment and “wisdom from above” as they must now work with chaplains from many non-Christian faiths. Pray for the spouses and families of all chaplains.

Sunday, March 21, 2010

WATER SUPPLIES – Crises and disputations over adequate water supplies are increasing. Offer thanksgiving to the Lord for granting inspiration for the invention of devices to desalinate sea water; pray that such advances be multiplied. Pray that legal cases over water rights between U.S. states such as Colorado and California, and in other areas, be justly resolved.

Sunday, March 28, 2010

PALM SUNDAY – Today marks the end of the Seek God for the City vigil. The Jewish Passover begins tomorrow evening. Pray for Jesus to enter the hearts and minds of men, women and children in your state and area. Pray for Jesus to reveal Himself as Messiah to them and to Jews worldwide. Pray that all Jesus is introducing Himself to find grace to “welcome” Him and His redemption.