

Teaching for 12-12-07

What is God Doing?

There are those times when the convergence of events come together in such a way that it should cause us to step back and say, *What is God doing here?* There are many who are asking just that, regarding the Spring of 2008. The convergence of several events in April and May of 2008 should cause us to ask the question, *What is God Doing?*

ReignDownUSA – April 26

Through a night-time vision given to a stay at home mom, God is calling our country to repentance. There is no doubt that in many different ways, the Lord is calling us as individuals, and as a nation to put Jesus back in the center of our heart and affections. ReignDownUSA promotes a lifestyle shift to repentance that will celebrate in a national, and local expressions of this repentance and crying out for God's mercy. This date is April 26, 2008. Plans are being formulated nationally and in local expressions to gather at 6:30pm Eastern time with a two-hour corporate national time of worship led by Michael W. Smith from the nations capitol. After the initial two hours, local gatherings across the states will continue in worship and repentance as the Lord leads. More information can be found at www.reigndownusa.com. An extensive description of the vision and the confirmations affirming this call to repentance can be found on the PTM website.

National Day of Prayer – May 1

The theme of this year's National Day of Prayer is: *Prayer! America's Strength and Shield*. All across the country, in every state, believers will gather to pray and affirm our dependence upon God, and the fact that America's strength and shield comes as we pray. Five days after ReignDownUSA gathers us to repent, National Day of Prayer is an affirmation of our need for continued prayer and submission to God for our strength and protection as a country, and a people. Information on National Day of Prayer can be found at www.ndptf.org.

Global Day of Prayer – May 11

May 1 begins the ten days of prayer that lead up to the Global Day of Prayer. The Global Day of Prayer is a world-wide celebration centered around Pentecost Sunday. The mission of this celebration is to unite the global body of Christ, to seek God for revival, intercede on behalf of our world, and collaborate for the blessing and transformation of our cultures. It is preceded by ten days of prayer (Acts 1:14); celebrated in public venues on Pentecost (Acts 2:1) and followed by "90 Days of Blessing" on communities after Pentecost (Acts 2:42). The Global Day of Prayer emphasizes prayer for our world. In March of 2001 more than 45,000 Christians united for a Day of Repentance and Prayer at Newlands Rugby Stadium in Cape Town. This move of prayer has miraculously expanded in 2006, when on Pentecost Sunday (June 4, 2006) millions of Christians from 199 of the 220 nations of the world united in prayer. Global Day of Prayer will

gather us as a global Church through the year 2010. Information can be found at www.gdopusa.com

Paradise '08 – May 25

Paradise '08 is a call for select, spiritually hungry High School and College age youth to gather in Paradise, Kansas, the geographical center of the United States. Paradise is described as a journey to awaken this generation to the supreme majesty of Christ, adoring Him as King and arising to bravely join Him in accelerating His kingdom purposes. Like ReignDownUSA, it was born of a vision of thousands of youth gathered, not for a concert, no bands will be visible, nor for speakers, there will be no big names. It is described as a journey that begins now as youth prepare their hearts to join together with thousands of youth from across the country simply to focus on the supremacy of Christ. There will no product sold, no artist or speaker appears. All focus is to be on Him alone. More information about Paradise '08 can be found at www.paradise08.com.

Fitting Together?

Most of us look at these events and sigh in wonder that so many events are competing for our time and attention. This, however, is where the challenge is. Perhaps God is doing something greater than we could ever imagine. What if this was a divinely orchestrated pattern to call us into a place where we are ready for the revival He longs to send to us? One person described these events after the pattern of II Chronicles 7:14. If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and turn from their wicked ways - repentance – ReignDownUSA, and pray – National Day of Prayer and Global Day of Prayer, and seek my face – Paradise '08. At this very time, there is a move to bring together the leaders of the above movements to spend a day in prayer and discussion to ask that very question, *is the Lord trying to do something special in '08?*

This is indeed an interesting gathering of events, and there are other things that are happening in 2008 that should cause us to be willing to suspend our “usual” and be willing to listen carefully to see if God just might really be in all of this in a special way. Inconvenient? Sure. It was inconvenient for the Wise Men to trek all that way. It was inconvenient for the shepherds to leave their fields in search of a promised One. What might we find if we were to follow God into an unknown future? Maybe we would find HIM!