THY PEOPLE SHALL BE WILLING





Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.

Psalm 110

As the day of his power approaches, darkness spreads over the earth.

Institutions crumble.

Truth lies dead in the streets.

Once-thriving churches are empty shells.

Wars and rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes, and crazy weather plague the planet.

Through all this the Lord is raising up....

A people.... who are willing.

Willing to do more than argue over doctrines or pursue political goals.

Willing to turn away from the latest "Christian agenda" and pay attention to Jesus alone.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

And he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me."

Matthew 10

Jesus did not come to establish a new religion.

Jesus did not come to bring us a new set of beliefs.

Jesus did not come to "make this world a better place".

Jesus came to bring God's World to a sick and troubled humanity.



To drain away our guilt.

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

To give us a chance to enter God's World.

"Come to me all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

To conquer death as the Firstborn of the New Creation.

"I am the resurrection and the life."

To judge the living and the dead in the day of his power.

Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

Psalm 110:3



As the day of his power approaches the Lord of heaven and earth is raising up a people who laugh at danger and trample under foot the devil's lies.

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold.

But he who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come."

Even now the refining fires are moving through the Body of Christ....

.... Raising up a people who are willing.

.... Preparing them for the dawn of a new day.

God alone knows who they are.

Even now he searches their hearts, getting them ready.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.



God grant that we may be among them!

Prayer: Yes Lord, grant that we are a willing people; willing to lay down our divisions, our doctrines, our political agendas, our favorite Christian celebrities and so-called prophets calling us to arms. Make us willing to lay down these ugly swords and to pick up your harvesting tools instead, to pick up our crosses. Make us willing to bring your healing to this very troubled world rather than accusing voices and closed fists. Disarm us, prepare us so we are willing and ready to carry the broken, the blind, and the lost instead of kicking them, binding them, and dragging them through the mud. Clothe us with holy garments, with your very presence.... so our love for you and others doesn't grow cold as wickedness and chaos increase in the world. Give us the courage and the faith to do your will, to gladly and bravely stand against darkness. Open our hearts to receive you completely so we may endure to the end, so we are able to bring the gospel of your kingdom, of your peace, of your mercy, and your redemptive power to the whole world. Amen.

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