

The Remnant and Martyrdom

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Michael Howard's sermon highlights the critical need for true faith, the importance of building God's kingdom, and the call to prepare for potential martyrdom among believers.

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Scripture: Haggai 1:9

Topics: "Faith And Trust", "Christian Martyrdom"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of truly living by faith and trusting God for provision, rather than manipulating circumstances for personal gain. It calls for a return to building God's kingdom and being prepared for potential martyrdom in serving Jesus Christ. The focus is on being part of the remnant, sharpened and ready for God's work, standing firm in the face of challenges and being a pillar of strength for others.

Transcript

None warm and hear that earnest wages, earnest wages to put into a bag with holes. I want to tell you as never before we've got to know the principles of trusting God for our supplies. There's one thing to say I trust God, it's one thing to say I live by faith and to tell the whole world what I need but to really live by faith and I tell you that most of the provision and most of what we call the prosperity movement in these days has not been a faith movement.

They've spoken it but not lived it. They've taught it but not done it. Most of what has been hyped as the faith movement and the prosperity movement has been manipulation of men.

People have gotten finances and built kingdoms by the manipulation of men and not by purely trusting in God and crying out to God for provision. Nothing wrong with telling people the vision and telling people what God has called us to do but it is God's business to touch hearts and it is God's business to send in and it is God's business to be the provider. He's our employer.

He's our employer. The kind of ministries is not your employer. He's the employer.

He's the director. He's in charge. He's controlling and he's provider and I tell you though we have fasted sometimes involuntarily, though we have had not to eat, though we have experienced great sufferings, he has never forsaken us.

He will never let the righteous be forsaken or his seed beg for bread. Hallelujah. That says the Lord of hosts consider your ways.

Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house and I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified saith the Lord. I will be glorified when my house is built, when my kingdom is built, when I am established. Hallelujah.

Beloved the reason why God is not glorified by the earth is because we've not done the business that he called us to do. The reason the world mocks the church of Jesus Christ is because it's full of contention and strife over doctrine, over issues that are unimportant because we've not built his kingdom. We've so hung on to our own empires.

We've so desired our own ministries. We've so long to lift up ourselves. We've not built the kingdom of Jesus Christ and when we get down to that business the world will see something real.

You look for much and lo it came to little. When you brought it home I did blow upon it. Why saith the Lord of hosts because of mine house that is waste.

You run every man unto his own house. I want to say in this coming decade I believe we're going to see the beginnings again of the greatest martyrdom in the church of Jesus Christ. What needs to be and I'm talking when I speak of martyrdom beloved I'm talking about men and women who are going to literally lay down their lives.

Who are going to die on the mission fields of the world for the cause of Jesus Christ and I tell you we need to read about the great men and women of old. We need to prepare ourselves. Many people get upset when we begin to speak of martyrdom.

The church hates the message of martyrdom but I want to tell you you need to read Fox's book of martyrs. You need to read the new book that's just come out great 20th century martyrs. Loved we need to fill our bookshelves with this kind of book and we need to read it so that we need to be prepared in case God calls us in life fashion to lay down our lives because surely he's going to call a great multitude to complete that group of martyrs that is under the altar in heaven crying out how long how long how long oh lord and I tell you when we fix our vision on Jesus Christ and we fix our vision upon the work that he's called us to in the ministry that he's called us to then we will be prepared because there'll be no greater calling there'll be nothing else to take hold on our lives.

He takes first priority above your family above your husband and your wife.

God takes first priority above everything else and I have no shame in saying it when we get to that place in our own hearts in our own minds where we've wrestled it out and we've come to terms that we want God to use us no matter what the price then we rest in him and the reason why people can't receive what I am saying is because they have no rest in Christ men and women have not come to a place of rest in Jesus Christ because they don't know they're calling they don't know their ministry they run here and they run there trying to impress trying to do something trying to please even trying to please God but beloved when we've heard him and when we're flowing in his ministry and I want to say this morning that's why there is rest and peace I don't care what anybody says because

everybody's doing what God told him to do and fulfilling it hallelujah therefore the heaven over you is saved from dew and the earth is saved from the fruit and I call for a drought upon the land and upon the

mountains and upon the corn and upon the new wine and upon the oil and upon that which the ground bringeth forth and upon men and upon cattle and upon all the labor of the hand incredible then the son of shiatsu and joshua the son of joseph the high priest with all the remnants of the people with all the remnants beloved this is the day of the remnant the remnant has mentioned many times in the word of God I want to be preaching about it out of the remnant comes the new wine out of the remnant comes the new hybrid seed it's the remnant beloved that God is focusing upon this day God

has called us to be holy ghost storm troopers men and women that are sharpened men and women that are ready for yag the Lord would even say unto thee this is the hour for you to be even as a spear straightened and tempered of the finest and the hardest steel for yag you shall cut through the air with a whistle saith the Lord and men shall scatter to the left and to the right you shall not be moved for you shall have set your face steadfastly towards the target for I stand to thee this indeed is the year of preparation this indeed is the opportunity that I give to you to be cleansed and purified and set your faith for yag and from next year there shall be a great launching force in the ministry for the enemy shall come in saith God as never before but like a flood shall I raise up my

standards saith God and know this that ye are the standard ye are the hydera ye are the ones whom I have called to lift up my tenet one more time that yag it may be a rallying point and I say unto thee that there shall be a division a great division saith God there shall be a polarization and I'm looking for thee in the power to stand fast and sure and to be unmoved for yag many shall look unto thee for hope many shall look unto thee for direction many shall look unto thee for support many shall look unto thee to be a pillar unto them saith God for yag they have prayed and they and they have enjoyed the food of this world and yag when the trouble comes when the fire comes saith the Lord they shall need an and because thou hast grounded myself and founded thyself in me and upon my word we

shall be their anchor we shall be their strength for they shall see the lordship of Jesus Christ in me for thou shalt not be moved by the things that thou seest thou shalt not be undone by the problems thou shalt not be overwhelmed by the ways of the enemy but thou has learned thou has learned the principle of standing upon the rock thou has learned the principle of standing in the storm thou has learned the principle through the sufferings and the hardships and the trials that I have brought upon thee to be able to lift up thine head and rejoice under the turmoil day thou shalt be an anchor thou shalt be that mighty sphere thou shalt not bend and thou shalt not move but thou shalt flow yag I shall call thee to even greater works for thou has been faithful in little things and I shall

make thee Lord in much for this is the day saith God when I long to bless and I long to raise up and I long to honor those who have honored me and those who have done what I called them to do know that your reward shall not only be in the eternal kingdom but there shall be great rewards the rewards that you shall receive shall be the satisfaction of seeing the enemy fall back as you march forward and take ground for my kingdom saith God and yea much ground shall ye take for yea I have planted the vision in thy heart yea I have watered it and now it is time for fruit to be born thank you Jesus

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