

On Sunday - Storm the gates of hell: by Dr. Glenn Mollette

On this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not overcome it,” *Matthew 16:18*

Last Sunday was a day vomited up from the belly of hell itself. Satan paraded into the wide-open streets of Sutherland Springs, Texas and tried to annihilate a small God loving, Bible preaching church. He literally stormed into that church and tried to obliterate that congregation. In effect that same enemy in so many ways shook his fist and aimed his fiery gun of extinction at your church, your pulpit, your ministry and all you have ever wanted to do and be for Jesus Christ. In every way last Sunday our enemy wanted to end the existence of that First Baptist Church and the precious people of that church. However, he was also attempting to end your church. Satan showed his cruelty again. He hates babies, little children and grandmothers. He hates family and preachers of the gospel. He hates the message of the gospel and what Christianity is doing in saving souls and changing people.

My heart has been broken this week, as I have thought about the terror that gripped those precious people in Sutherland Springs last Sunday. I know those people are with Jesus today. I know he has dried their tears and they are singing a

new song. We must now pray that God lifts up the church, the pastor and those remaining people and that the power of the Holy Spirit ignites them in a way unlike before. Pray please for comfort as those people are hurting.

Friend, likewise I hope you will be ignited in your service for Jesus. My heart has been broken and I have been angered by the evil that is moving across this planet. We must stand up. We cannot be hunkered down behind locked doors in fear.

The disciples were so afraid after the crucifixion of Jesus. They knew they could be next. The resurrected Jesus stood in the midst and said, “Peace be unto you.” Later, after being filled with the Holy Spirit the disciples left their place of security and boldly preached Jesus Christ with power.

If there hasn’t been already, I am praying that you have a defining moment in your life when the devil himself will not intimidate you. Resolve within your heart to step up in your life and church. May your service, your calling and commitment be more than ever before for Jesus.

Also, be wise. Work with your people to be on guard. The best offense is a good defense. Train your people to be on guard for those Satan may send your way to try to disrupt

and hurt you or your people. You must always have two or three people or more stationed to guard your people. We must not be caught off guard again in our places of worship and service for Jesus.

Keep serving. Keep Preaching. Do not be held back or intimidated in what God has called you to do for Him. I am praying for you, your life and ministry.

For Freedom To Worship
Glenn Mollette
John 20:19 Disciples behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and said “Peace be unto you.”

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Persecution will come, *Matthew 10:16* “Behold I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

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Seventh-day Adventist Church

Are you dressed appropriately?

Who would have ever thought that Jesus ever addressed the subject of wearing appropriate clothes. He enjoyed telling stories to illustrate His point. He began one story about a king who was planning a wedding for his son. You can read the story in *Matthew 22*. When everything was ready according to the custom he sent his servants to give the wedding invitation, but to no avail. When no one came at the first invitation, he sent his servants out to give the invitation again, this time describing the delicious meal that would be served. However the invited guests didn’t take

the invitation seriously, and carried on their lives as usual, on the farm and buying and selling. Some of them scorned the invitation and even mistreated the servants, and in some cases killed them. When the king heard about it, he was angry and ordered his soldiers to destroy the murderers.

Now the wedding was ready, but those who were invited weren’t interested in coming, so the king ordered his servants to go out and invite anyone to come instead. The servants invited everyone they saw to come into the wedding. Soon the reception hall was overflowing with guests.

When the king came in to greet his guests, he notices a man who was not wearing the wed-

ding clothes the king had provided. “How did you get in here without being properly dressed?” the king asked. To his shame the man didn’t have an answer. So the king said to his servants, take this man and tie him up and throw him out in the dark. There will be distress and crying.

But what in the world did all this mean, and what was Jesus point anyway? By the great wedding supper and the invitations, Jesus represented the gospel invitation. The people who were invited first rejected their invitations. The man who neglected the preparation for this great event was thrown out. Even though the king had offered wedding clothes to everyone, one person

had chosen to wear his own clothes. The wedding clothes are the pure spotless character which Christ’s true followers will wear. (*Rev. 19:8*) The clothes Jesus offers us is His righteousness. Righteousness is right doing, and it is by the things we have done that all of us will be judged. Since we can’t do anything right by ourselves Jesus gives us His robe of right doing, and obedience when we ask for His help. What a wonderful Savior is Jesus our Lord!

Let’s search our lives to see we are dressed in the wedding clothes Jesus has provided for us so that when our King Jesus comes we will be able to meet Him with joy!

Community Bible Church

Where There is Hope

Ecclesiastes 9:4-6 4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; nevertheless will they have a share in anything done under the sun.

There is a plague of hopelessness in this world. People have talked with me over the years about their feelings of hopelessness. The present is full of difficulty and loss, and the future looks pretty dismal. The amazing thing about this is that some who have shared their struggles have had money, family, a home, a job, and most everything that should have given them encouragement, joy, and contentment. On the opposite side of this dilemma are those who have had financial loss, physical struggles, or family dysfunction – and yet they are filled with optimism, hope and even peace.

Years ago, when I was much younger, I had a lady come to me and ask for guitar lessons. Her request surprised me and even scared me some, for she was dying from cancer. She had a

husband, and children, a nice home, and much that would be left behind. Yet, her smile, enthusiasm and joy were impactful. To my own shame I never gave her any guitar lessons, and some months later her physical body died. How I wished that I had given her those guitar lessons – not so that she would be a great guitar player, but that I could have gained more of that joyful life and peace she possessed. From an earthly standpoint, all was loss for her, but because she had One to cast her cares and struggles upon (See *I Peter 5:7*), and One she trusted, she had peace, and could daily overcome the things she faced.

Why didn’t I give her those lessons? Because she scared me simply by her abundant life in the face of imminent death. It took me years to get even a small grasp of the fullness of her life. Listen, while there is life, there is hope. Most anything that’s a struggle today will be only a memory and even a stepping stone to a better life in the future. Ann’s hope was found in Jesus the Christ. I’m grateful to Ann for what she left me. See you Sunday.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Be Still

I wonder if Moses ever got weary of what God had called him to do? It had to be discouraging to be turned down nine times when he went before Pharaoh to ask him to free his people. How about when he was in the desert with the Israelites? Did he ever get tired of wandering aimlessly? I wonder if he ever got tired of listening to his people’s complaining. I’d be surprised if he didn’t. I imagine that at some time, Moses must have gotten tired and weary of what he was called to do.

Even Jesus needed time for renewal. Many times, he had to withdraw to a quiet place, away from everyone else, and just spend

time in prayer. He got weary, but he never let that hinder him from completing his mission.

Probably most of the people that we read about in the scriptures became tired and weary of doing the work of the Lord at one time or another. But they didn’t let that weariness stop them.

There’s nothing wrong with being weary and discouraged, but it is wrong for us to be content to just stay in that state. When I’ve finally reached the end of my endurance; when I start to feel that I have nothing else to give, usually that’s when I go to God with an “I Give Up” prayer. The one where I finally admit that I can’t do this on my own, or in my

own way and I finally let it go. I finally give it over to God and let Him give me refreshment and renewal.

God wants to be there for us. He wants to give us the refreshment that our souls crave. The 23rd Psalm paints such a beautiful picture of the rest we can find in the Lord: “He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.”

When we just can’t do any more, God wants to lift our burden, but in our hectic lives, we far too often neglect to take a moment to “be still.” That’s what Scripture tells us to do,

and for good reason!

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” (*Psalms 46:10*)

I can’t help but think that if we all did this at least one time every day, that our entire way of life would be transformed. How do YOU think your life would change if you took more time to “be still” and focused on resting in our Lord’s peace?

My hope and prayer is that you find rest in God, quiet your spirit, and meditate on God’s words of life-giving truth. It can (and will) make all the difference in the world!

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