

I'm A Tent

As I was seeking God this summer regarding the future of 6:22 He spoke to me one of the most profound statements yet about our ministry.

“You have been bringing the Ark of the Covenant into the city for five years. It is time to set up a tent for continuous worship.”

I had this image in my mind of David bringing the Ark of the Covenant into the city with his undignified worship parade. When they all arrive in the city, they stop and look at each other and ask “Now what?” Then they go back to their homes and go on with their lives. I think a lot of our worship experiences are like that. To what end are we engaging in undignified worship? If we have a visitation with God but go on with our lives absent of His presence, then what good have we done? All we have done is have a religious moment.

When David brought the ark into the city he set up a tent and placed the ark in it. It was a simple tent, not like the elaborate temples of Moses and Solomon. The focus was on relationship and intimacy with God. It was not about external appearance and grandeur. It was characterized by deep spirituality and creativity.

He then established continuous day and night ministry to God before the ark. There were praises, prophetic songs, and intercession being offered up to God at all times. David understood that God’s ultimate desire is to be in a love relationship with His people. He does not want to just visit us occasionally, He wants to dwell (stay, remain, live) with us. He wants us to be living sacrifices of worship (Romans 12:1) who pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.

(Acts 15:16-17)

God has promised to restore the tent of David in the Church. We believe God has called us all to be 24/7 houses of worship and prayer who do not just have moments with God, but who are filled with the glory of God. As a believer, filled with the Holy Spirit, you can say “I’m A Tent.”

We also believe God is restoring places of 24/7 worship all over the earth. This is already happened in the UK (as documented in the book Red Moon Rising by Pete Greig) and even in the US (International House of Prayer in Kansas City has had non-stop worship and prayer for over seven years). Just like David’s tent, a physical place where people can go to encounter God’s presence provides a common place that believers can unite to seek God at any time. *I believe God wants to establish a place of 24/7 worship and*

prayer in eastern North Carolina. I believe it will come, and I believe it will be sooner than you think!

As 6:22 we are positioning ourselves as forerunners for this vision of continuous worship in eastern North Carolina. We are not claiming it as ours or trying to force it to happen. It is God's vision. We simply see what God is doing and want to help pave a way. We realize we have actually been doing this for over five years already! We are stirring worship around our region and allowing people to spend extended amounts of time in God's manifested presence. God is preparing His people so that His glory can dwell with us!