

LAUNCH PRAYER ICBM's

An ICBM is an intercontinental ballistic missile. They are used to carry powerful biological and chemical weapons or dangerous nuclear warheads. Russia has the longest range ones which can travel nearly 10,000 miles. There are also shorter range missiles which can also be used to reach a designated target. On a smaller scale, there are weapons called bullets, but they are not powerful unless they are propelled through a gun in the hands of a person. Arrow tips are also weapons but only become effective when attached to an arrow and shot from a bow.

As Christians, we have several **powerful weapons** with which to confront our spiritual enemy.

*** The Name of Jesus * The Blood of Jesus * The Word of God * The Love of God**

However, they must be **launched** for maximum effectiveness. **Our missile system is the mouth.** The greatest power was expressed at the creation of the universe when **God spoke**. Several times in Genesis chapter one, we see the words: **God said.....God saw.** Words are powerful, especially ones from God via the Holy Spirit. In Ephesians chapter six, Paul reminds us of our spiritual armor. but ends with prayer. The armor prepares us for warfare as it is prayer armor. **Prayer is a launching pad to reach God and specified targets with His power.**

Military missiles have limited ranges but prayer missiles can reach the highest heaven and the remotest villages in the world. The devil knows the power of prayer. That is why he has sought to remove prayer from our schools, families and churches. When I was with the mission group, Operation Mobilization, we had a half night of prayer every week. The founder of OM, George Verwer, wrote a pamphlet called: What happened to the prayer meeting? That message is still needed as much as ever.

Six years ago a weekly prayer group began in a rural church in upstate NY. These weekly messages were birthed from those meetings. Prayer produces intimacy, then conception and new life. Prayer warfare is not a silent activity. Jesus reminds us: When you pray, **say** - Luke 11:2. We know that God can answer silent prayers, but there is something about verbalizing our prayers and proclamations.

Join me as we pray about some of the prophecies given about 2020 from our last message. However, before we do so I want to add three different 20:20 scriptures;

- 1) Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in His prophets and you will be successful.'
- 2 Chronicles 20:20

Timothy was given this instruction from his mentor, the Apostle Paul;

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. - 1 Timothy 4:14

(If God has given you prophetic words in the past, it is good to remember them and have faith for their fulfillment in God's time.)

- 2) Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning. - Exodus 20:20

God gave those words to Israel just after giving them the 10 Commandments, but why? **The fear of the Lord** has something in common with each of the commandments. It involves **respect**. The first 4 commandments deal with respect for God, His name and His day. The last 6 commandments involve respect for other people and their possessions. This subject should be taught in every church and school for it would save the world much misery and money. God's school includes this instruction:

'Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.'
- Psalm 34:11

(more on this subject in a future message)

- 3) You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. - Acts 20:20

The early church met in large gatherings in the temple but also in homes. Small group gatherings are where the real growth of a Christian takes place with personal ministry to one another. Larger meetings are for ministry unto the Lord.

Time to Launch Our Prayer Missiles

- * God says that judgment must first begin with the church - 1 Peter 4:17
This week we will pray for the church based on Scripture and prophetic words from our last message.

The church local and worldwide:

- * For release of **prophetic** ministry - 1 Corinthians 14:1
- * For **increasing** spirit of personal and corporate **prayer** - Matthew 21:13
- * For new reverential awe and **fear of the Lord** - Isaiah 11:2
- * For more Christians to be involved in **small group** discipleship
- * For God to **expose darkness** in order that His name will be glorified and His light will shine more brightly through the his people - Ephesians 5:8-14
- * **Repentance** from..... greed, corruption, perversion, pride, lukewarmness, apathy, religious spirit
- * For the Baby Boomer revival -
- * For Kanye West and Justin Bieber to spread godly influence into our culture
- * For **return of prodigal** sons and daughters back to Christ - Isaiah 60:1-5