



Report of National Prayer Gathering Perth: Saturday 2nd March 2019



*I will stand at my watch and station myself on the
ramparts; I will look to see what He will say to me ...*
(Hab. 2:1)

Introduction: The above meeting was held in an acute awareness of the profound crises affecting our nation(s); and in a spirit of recognising the anti-God spirits inherent in the EU and nationalism. The intent was to come together with a 'listening ear' (Hab 2:1; Rev. 2:7) so as to pray in an informed and discerning fashion: ***"Thy Will be done on earth...."*** The following represents a summary/digest of the concerns and issues raised during the meeting. They are in no particular order but have been gathered together under headings.

The need for cry out for Mercy: Judgement and Mercy sit in very fine balance. The former is what we are due: the latter is what we plead (Hab 3:2; Jer 18:7-10; Is. 59:1-21) We are in fact already under judgement. (The Scottish Government is now **actively manipulating the minds of our youngest of children** in our schools.)

In God's economy He can and has used Judgement in the process of delivering Mercy. We see Godless arrogance in the nation. The prevailing need is for repentance. The nation is proud (Is. 9:9-12) and the Lord is allowing disaster: but for all this His anger is not turned away. His hand is still outstretched (Is. 9:12b). He asks: "Why do the nations rage and the people plot vain things against the Lord and His Christ?" (Ps. 2:1-4).

Anguish of soul (Psalm 43, 55, 56)

Recognition of the Shaking in church and nation (Hag 2:6; Heb. 12:26-27). A process of refining: a process of humbling (see later notes).

Spiritual Warfare: A call to come out of Babylon (Is. Ch. 43). Forget the former things.... (Is. 43:18). Remove the "stumbling blocks" (Is 62:10). Need to pray for the "remnant of the Lord" (see below). Recognise, for what they are, the spirits of sectarianism and nationalism. Pray for leaders, children, the church. As God took His people out of Egypt, He can bring us out of the EU. Pray the word into the strongholds, and for healing of the nation over division. Recognise and pray against the spirit of sectarianism. Pray against pride of place and face; individual, denominational, organisational.

A holy church: The need for a purified church (Ps. 24:3-4; Ps. 51). Repent over bitterness and division. The Lord is looking for Holiness and Humility (2 Chron. 7:14): a church that will reflect His purity and righteousness. An impression of the "dross" being removed by fire (very uncomfortable). The Church has compromised Truth. Truth has fallen in the streets.

A sleeping/complacent church: Rise up Scotland! A need to "unblock the wells" (Gen. 26:18). Remove the stumbling blocks (Is. 57:14; 62:10)

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A remnant church: In the refining process, many are falling away; sin is being exposed. Fence-sitting is no longer an option ([Josh. 24:15](#)). A Gideon's army ([Judges 7:7-8](#)). David(s) coming from the fields and prepared to face the giant ([1 Sam. 17:26-37](#)); the faithful are being honed in Adullam's cave ([1 Sam 22:1](#)).

A professing and prophetic church: Pray that the Lord would **raise up 'voices in and to the nation'**; speaking with spiritual authority and a holy boldness. ([Eph. 6:19-20](#)). God wants to restore our identity to be a prophetic and mission-sending nation again.

An alert and discerning church: ([Is. 62:6-7](#)) An impression of trees: Myrtle = Life; Cherry/Almond = Watchfulness. Listening to the Spirit ([Hab 2:1](#); [Rev. 2.7](#)). **Beware of false prophets.** ([Ezek. 13:9](#); [Jer. 23:16](#); [Matt. 24:4](#); [2 Tim. 4:3-4](#); [2 Pet. 2:1-2](#))

A spiritually-unified church: Recognise and pray against the spirit of sectarianism. Pray against pride of place and face – personal/denominational/organisational. Affirm the need to stand ([Eph 6:13](#)); and stand together ([John 17:20-22](#)). **God is 'turning up the heat' to bring unity.**

A healed church: Many in the church are bruised and in need of healing ([Is 61:1](#)).

A 'fit and lean' church: the church is carrying 'excess baggage' ([Heb 12:1](#)).

The day ended with a united recitation of Daniel's prayer ([Dan. 9: 4-19](#)) substituting 'Israel' with "the UK".

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Appendix overleaf



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Psalm 55: A psalm of **Lament** written because David has been betrayed by a close friend who has become his enemy. The wording of **his appeals** to the Lord are appropriate for our time.

Psalm 56: A Psalm written when David was endangered by the Philistines. It is an example of the **confidence we should have in the Lord** when we are faced with terrifying circumstances. e.g. 1 - 4 is fear and faith and 10 - 13 is **Trust and Thanksgiving**.

Psalm 43: Judge me and argue my case. **Be both my Divine Judge and Defence lawyer**. Why, why since God was his refuge and strength was God rejecting him and why was he feeling so down about it? He asks for **guidance** and **leading** but his **Hope** is in the Lord.

Psalm 24: An ascension psalm that sees to follow movement of the people. v1 - 2 **Worship of the Creator** : v3 **Who** can ascend? - an enquiry then v4 a simple answer v7 - 10 **Worship** of the great and awesome God and the city gates would need to be **enlarged** so that the King of Glory could enter. **Clean Hands**.

Daniel 9: From Daniel's study of the OT scrolls he realised the 70 years of captivity were over. Then **Daniel's Prayer** and then the 70 week's prophecy.

Psalm 42:13: "The Lord will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior He will stir up His zeal. With a shout He will raise the battle cry, and will triumph over His enemies"

Ephesians 1: God's plan of **salvation, past present and future. Our righteousness, resources, privileges and power**. Also a **prayer for spiritual wisdom**.

2 Chronicles 20: I presume v 17 " **Stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you.**" This is after King Jehoshaphat's prayer and fasting (when the people of Judah were about to be attacked by a great multitude) and 'spirit of the Lord spoke to them through a Levite, Jahaziel, reassuring them the **battle was the Lord's and they would have a great victory**.

Psalm 31: **The Lord is our Rock and our Fortress** - David's problems, prayers and praises.

Isaiah 66:10: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her: rejoice greatly with her all you who mourn over her.

Acts ch. 4: Objections by the Jewish priests to Peter and John's preaching. Peter boldly defending Jesus to the Sanhedrin, and later v32 -sharing possessions. However I think maybe the bit referred to came from

Psalm 2 (see Acts 4: v25,26): " **Why do the nations rage and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ.**

Isaiah ch. 43 (esp. v18): **God's sovereign grace towards Israel**. He brought into existence from nothing and sustains her - she had the comfort of knowing that nothing and nobody could destroy her, not even her own wickedness - she is God's chosen nation. v18 as highlighted." **Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past.**"

Isaiah 54:7: For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.

Isaiah ch. 41: Israel is **assured of God's help. Fear not, God is faithful**. e.g. v10 "Fear not for I am with you: Be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, Yes I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand

Galatians ch. 5: Christian Liberty- **the freedom we have in Christ. Stand firm. Live by the Spirit, Love one another** - then the sinful nature and finally the fruit of the Spirit.

Isaiah 9:9: All the people will know it, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria who say with **pride and arrogance in their heart** - The Lord's anger against Israel

2 Chronicles 7:14: People in rebellion, they need to repent

Psalm 25: **A plea for deliverance and forgiveness**. v1,2 "To you O Lord I lift up my soul, O my God I trust in You. Let me not be ashamed Let not my enemies triumph over me. O Show me Your ways O Lord" also v 4&5 "Teach me Your paths, Lead me in your truth and teach me, For you are the God of my salvation On you I wait all the day "