



GOD'S Hiring Women for a Crying Time

Jeremiah 9:16-24

A CALL TO PRAYER

WHAT is *Operation Nomakanjani* :

Operation Nomakanjani is a 24 hour prayer vigil in the spirit of “*no matter what*” we will stand, we will fight, we will win and we will ensure the future and life of our nation through petition to the throne of God with one voice.

God is calling upon at least one million women in South Africa to speak and petition with one voice being in agreement and on one accord, during this 24 hours – one whole day of intentional prayer sent to into the earth and into the heavens by women. Since one day is as a thousand years to God, we want God to give us the blessings of a thousand years for our nation, our children, our world

THE WHEN :

October 2-3, 2009.

Prayer will begin at sundown on Friday evening, October 2 and end at sundown on Saturday evening October 3.

THE PURPOSE:

*Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.
Isaiah 65:24 (NIV)*

Prayer, petition, supplication are the most vital conversations that we can have because it is one that we have with God, the Creator, yet it is the most misunderstood of all the conversations that we do have. We have been taught so many different ideas about prayer but the one that is most important is that God is our father and wants us to come to him not just to ask for things but to commune with him, and to be affected by the encounter so that we become more and more like him

One of the most incredible attributes of prayer and petition is when Yah wants us to help him to settle a matter that only prayer and lamentation will accomplish. Such is the case in our class for today and it is particularly important for women. For it is the women to whom God turns to in a very desperate hour. For women this is critical for much of the church world and the religious world has not been very kind to women, and we see this played out all over the world, but God is always using women in the most usual and critical ways. To speak directly to God, with intention with one voice, with one aim and one purpose, in unity so that we can be in union with God's plan AND great purposes for our lives and the lives of our family our nation our world, which is peace, goodness, love, joy, health, abundance is a magnificent charge. Through our prayer we will bring gratitude, loving-kindness, justice and mercy into our families, our communities, our nation.

THE WHY:

²¹ *Death has climbed in through our windows and has entered our fortresses; it has cut off the children from the streets and the young men from the public squares.* ²² Say, "This is what the LORD declares: "The dead bodies of men will lie like refuse on the open field, like cut grain behind the reaper, with no one to gather them.' "

Death, destruction, chaos, and confusion is taking hold in our communities, especially among our young people and women and the men in our lives are falling prey to many behaviors and activities that are beneath their original purpose of love and protection of their families, their women, their children. Given this circumstance, we are confident that we as women, as has happened in times past **can make the difference**. (Esther, for example, saved a nation by fasting prayer and received strength and courage to take action) Given the gravity of the situations occurring in our land, one not unlike the one outlined in the historical text that has inspired this call for prayer, (Jeremiah 9:16-24) we are confident that we as women are being called by God for such a time as this. *For death has truly come up into our windows, into our fortresses and has cut off our children from the street and our young men and old men are falling onto the ground as wheat on a chafing floor.* The condition of Israel at this time is much like today, they have strayed so very far from God and life that there seems no hope and by the time we reach verse 16 of our text, we find that God is so angry that he has said that he will consume them,

I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

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then God sees a solution, a magnificent solution. God considers the heart and faith of women, and sends for them, hiring them for a crying time. God sends for the women who can help the community to lament and mourn breaking the strongholds of death and destruction; and amazingly God includes God's self in this need of lamentation. He tells the women to hurry and make haste so that they can help the nation to express their loss and help their tears to flow.

THE SOLUTION

¹⁷ This is what the LORD Almighty says: "*Consider now! Call for the wailing women to come; send for the most skillful of them.*" ¹⁸ *Let them come quickly and wail over us till our eyes overflow with tears and water streams from our eyelids.* ¹⁹ The sound of wailing is heard from Zion: 'How ruined we are! How great is our shame! We must leave our land because our houses are in ruins.' " ²⁰ Now, O women, hear the word of the LORD; open your ears to the words of his mouth. Teach your daughters how to wail; teach one another a lament.

The Women, call for the women, they are needed, they were needed at the Creation to help Adam to fill his charge as one who was given dominion, they are needed because the rib can take much more pressure per inch than the heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, they are needed because the rib protects the vital organs, they were needed with Justice Judith to help to save Israel, they were needed to save the Savior in the lives of Moses mother and sister, they were needed to help to save the King of Israel when Abigail

intervened to save David from sin, they were needed in the life of Rizpah who gave honor to her sons, they were needed as Queen mothers and advisors, they were needed to give form to a virtuous woman (see the importance of the Proverbs 31:1-9), they are needed to give the law to our children (see Proverbs 1:8), they were needed for the strength to give to seven sons that Hannah so conveyed, they were needed when the Messiah was being anointed by Mary of Bethany, they were needed at the resurrection when Jesus needed a witness to the resurrection and employed Mary of Magdela, they were needed to produce a Timothy by his mother and grandmother, and we are needed now, more than ever, for it is true in our cities that death has come into our windows to cut off the children from without and the young men from the streets. We are needed for our girls who are being raped, we are needed for our boys are being sold into slavery, we are needed for the 5,000 babies dying within Africa each day just from malnutrition when it can be prevented. Oh beloved sister, mothers, daughters, WE ARE NEEDED and we are to be humble as God calls for those who come into his presence to have a pure heart and clean hands, to love mercy, justice and to walk humbly before God Ps. 24-3-5 and Micah 6:8). So as we come to the end of this historical record of God's dealings with us in mercy, we find these important words that God wants us to have in our hearts as we go forward to come before His Majesty with prayer and supplication:

²³ This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth,

Beloved daughters of the Most High God, if the things that have happened to you in life left you with the impression that you were of no use, think again, for God has use for you, He is hiring women for a crying time and the things that have happened to you in your life have made you perfect for the job, for you have learned patience, love, caring, longsuffering, in fact all things have worked together for your good, (Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.) The world is depending upon us to take our rightful place as fit and adaptable to ensure that Adam in fact completes his task of having dominion of God's world and doing it in a righteous manner.

Lets seek the Lord in prayer to seal this incredible blessing to our hearts, lets bow our heads and humble our spirits to see our Father.

THE HOW:

As the sun goes down on Friday October 2, Women of South Africa and beyond will gather in their homes, or community centers, or churches at least 3 together to pray for 24 hours. During this time, women will be focused on various prayer requests that will be outlined so that we are all on one accord at the same time. We would like that women stay close to home and gather in the home of a sister, friend, mother, daughter. If a community center or church is used, it should be in walking distance, not far so that we are building the walls of our nation where we live, this system of building where we live is a critical aspect of this call to Prayer (See Nehemiah 3)

During this 24 hours, water and or juice can be consumed, it is hoped that we can also fast from food for this 24 hours.

In the African cultic society of the times that Jeremiah was writing in, there was a band of women that were hired for situation that were so devastating that those affected by it could not cry at all. It was clear that crying was a cleansing and healing mechanism and these skillful women would come to your situation and learn of it and they would have the ability to empathize so much with it that they would begin the process of healing by wailing for you, your family, your situation and that would break up obscure emotions so that healing could take place. These are the women that God is referring to in this request, this petition. Send for these women that will take up a lamentation for us and they will ensure that we can reach heaven. It is also very critical to note that God say “for us” He includes himself in the need for this wailing lamentation and prayer to heaven. For God knows that if we are actually consumed than his imprint on the earth that he wanted through man would also be finished, so he has a stake in our redemption, a very personal stake, so prayer is critical to God as it is to us.

OUR EXPECTATIONS:

I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel. Isaiah 45:3

We expect to receive all the petitions that we put to the throne of the Most High God, for we have his word that if we call he will answer and give us the desires of our hearts. We have been told that if we ask for the nations we will receive them our inheritance. Call on me, God says, and I will show you great and mighty things. Call on me and I will answer, in fact even before you are finished praying I will answer and all my promises are yea and amen. We have the confidence that God will hear our earnest lamentation, petitions and gratitude and will bend heaven and come down and see to us in love and peace inspiring a change in our hearts and the hearts of our nation, our leaders, our men, our women, our children to seek the highest good for themselves and others.