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Where Are You In The Crowd?

This world is crowded, not only with people but with cultures, traditions, beliefs, religions, you name it. It is true to say that most of these crowds are headed in a direction that is miles away from God. New movements, philosophies, trends, and beliefs are springing up and leading millions down a dark and dangerous path. So populated are our morals and values that many are confused, bewildered, and uncertain about what they believe. Many in the church are compromising and hiding in the crowd. It seems we have gotten weak, unable to stay the course and remain committed to God. As a result, many have found comfort with the majority, laying low in the crowds, remaining silent and unnoticed.

Are you hiding in the crowd, cowering behind others? Are you concealing your knowledge, talents, Christian beliefs, morals, identity, and potential? Are you living in the shadows of others, taking up their causes, and neglecting God's kingdom because you are afraid of rejection? If you are, you are not alone. Millions of men and women, young and old have chosen the broad road that leads to destruction.

Whether we like it or not, we will all find ourselves in a crowd. However, we all have to answer like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: where am I in the crowd? Where are you among other believers? Where are you in the community or street you live in? Where are you among the members of your family? What if the story is rewritten, will you be on the side of Daniel and the three Hebrew boys? Or will you be in the bowing crowd, hiding, hoping no one will see you? Or will you be in the crowd that seeks the blood of the believers? Perhaps you are among the crowd that gathered to see Jesus when the woman with the issue of blood touched Him. If this story is rewritten, will it say you and the woman with the issue of blood touched Jesus? Or are you still in the crowd spectating but not touching Him? We can all be around Christ, sing lovely songs, and say nice things but 1 Corinthians 3:15 reminds us that only those who are in Christ will be saved. Our works will not gain us eternal life. We can be in church and miss heaven, but we cannot be in Christ and miss it.

We receive grace to examine ourselves daily to see if we are still standing and living for God. We receive it to be ready and occupy until He comes. May your reason for living be to satisfy Christ alone. May His zeal consume you just as the zeal of His Father consumed Him. May God continue to strengthen you in your walk and work with Him. I pray He will grant you the grace to occupy until He returns to take His own to join the other multitude of saints who have gone before.

In the book of Revelation we read of a multitude, a great crowd. If you ever yearn to belong, to be a part

of the crowd, let it be this one. Let it be this uncountable crowd that stands before the throne and the Lamb of God dressed in white robes. "After these things I looked, and this is what I saw: a vast multitude which no one could count, [gathered] from every nation and from all the tribes and peoples and languages [of the earth], standing before the throne and before the Lamb (Christ), dressed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9, AMP)

You might be itching to know how to be part of this great crowd after I have told you to be different and not align yourself with the crowd of this world. If your heart is panting to know what to do so you can be in the number when the saints are marching in, you have desired a great thing. If there is a longing to be among that multitude in Revelation 7:9, you are blessed.

Scripture says if we believe in our hearts and confess Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we shall be saved. (Romans 10:9) Repent of your sins; believe that Christ Jesus paid the debt for your punishment. Confess Jesus with your mouth that He is Lord of your life.

If you've done this, you are welcome to the great crowd where Christ is the head of the group.

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When the Roll Is Called up Yonder

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there

When the roll, is called up yon-der,
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When the roll, is called up yon-der,
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

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