

THE SOUND OF A GOING IN THE TOPS OF THE MULBERRY TREES

(2 Samuel 5:24)

(All biblical references are taken from the King James version).

When David enquired of the Lord, God told him: “When thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines”.

The mulberry is a tree that extends approximately 60 feet, thus demanding that we lift our eyes towards the sky to see its top.

You will notice that David seems to be the only one to hear the voice of God. The Philistines represent Satan’s opposition to the manifestation of God’s power. Only a small handful of Christians with a sensitive ear to God’s voice is all that is required for this noise in the mulberry trees to be heard.

It is quite possible that your local church only has a few members yet a divine wind can blow among you like in the Upper Room and overcome all resistance. Will you be the instigator of this mighty rushing wind? To initiate means to open up a domain in which new knowledge can flow, to **CREATE A NEW VISION!** Quebec has a need for a new vision.

Is our God the same as He ever was? Has He become powerless? Or is it that your God who used to be great has now become small? Should that be the case, keep your God and I will continue believing that my God is the God of Moses, of Joshua, of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of the impossible, the same yesterday, today and forever! (Hebrews 13: 8).

If it is true that the devil roams about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5: 8), it remains also true that the Spirit of God covers the earth in search of a thirsty soul, a man, a woman or a group of Christians with a **VISION!** Without faith, it is impossible to please God. However, this faith must be oriented towards the right place, which is: **the FINISHED work** of Jesus Christ at Calvary's cross. Without me, ye can **DO NOTHING!** (John 15:5).

Listed below is the ideal recipe in order not to see revival in Quebec:

01) NOT DO ANYTHING BUT SLEEP

02) BE CONTENTED WITH WHAT GOES ON AT THE PRESENT TIME

03) NOT HAVE ANY VISION

04) PUT ON A SHELF THE WEAPONS OF GOD

05) GO ON ACCEPTING WORLDLY INFLUENCES IN THE CHURCH

NOW HERE IS THE RECIPE NEEDED TO SEE REVIVAL:

ACT: The moment we decide to act in faith, the course of revival is initiated. The Holy Spirit opens the door before us. The Lord produces the **DESIRE** and will to **ACT**; our faith increases, allowing us to view what is deemed impossible. Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). It is time to take the first **STEP** – a step **of FAITH.**

REVIVAL is the opposite of slumber. Proverbs 10: 5 states: he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. Quebec's harvest is gigantic, is there a need to stress that fact?

Who more than anyone else is responsible for the coming of revival? Isn't it the "angel" of the church? (See the messages to the churches in the book of Revelation). If in a given city, there are 10 different churches and each one of these churches work amongst its own milieu without ever fraternizing with the others, where is the love? (1 Cor. 13: 1-3). Where lies the problem if the

churches are known for a lack of fellowship? Would it be that we have forgotten that love does not seek its own **INTEREST**?

Isn't the pastor of a church, by his **VISION of a REVIVAL**, the one able to lead his sheep towards a real fellowship? The harvest is plenty and revival knocks on our doors. Has money become more important than the manifestation of the Spirit? **Has God suddenly grown so poor that He is unable to provide financially for ten churches in a given city?**

Proverbs 8: 17-21 says: I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgement: That I may cause those that love me to inherit SUBSTANCE; and I will FILL their treasures.

SATISFACTION: Are you satisfied with what goes on at the present time? Are you bored attending church meetings where no soul is saved, where there is no baptism in the Holy Spirit, no healings or miracles? Are you thirsty for more or does a Sunday-kind of religion satisfy you? In which case it would be appropriate to read Revelation 3:17-18: Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing... I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire... Verse 19: Be zealous therefore, and repent.

ZEAL and REPENTANCE are matters that concerns Christians. I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works. (Revelation 2: 4-5).

There surely are, among those reading these lines, souls thirsty to see a mighty manifestation of God's Spirit. This message speaks to you because only through a thirsty soul like yours will the rain fall from heaven. Grab hold by faith of His promise:

He shall come unto us as the **RAIN**, and the latter et former **RAIN** unto the earth. (Hosea 6:3).

TO HAVE A VISION:

To have a vision simply means seeing what others do not see. To set your eyes on what is invisible, even impossible. By refusing to impose restrictions on ourselves, are we capable of reaching the limitations of the all powerful One? Where are they?

I pray the Lord that nothing will hinder my vision for a revival, an abundant harvest. That no hindrance or doubt, no matter its source, stand between me and this **VISION**.

It matters little to me when science affirms that this Earth is billions and even trillions years old because my Saviour is the Ancient of days, the Alpha and the Omega, the Creator of all things and his promises are **YEAH** and **AMEN!** He is the same yesterday, today and forever! If you are not hearing the sounds of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, perhaps time has come for you to emerge from your lethargic state... come near, open your ears! To the church in Laodicea, a symbol of our modern-day church, Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man **HEARS** my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20). Doesn't this promise alone suffice to give us a **VISION**? Are you hearing His voice? The harvest is plenteous (Matthew 9: 37).

Perhaps you think of yourself as being small, feeble, powerless, and unimportant; perhaps are you saying: What am I capable of doing? The apostle Paul reminds us, in 2 Corinthians 12: 10: "For when I am weak, then am I strong".

Only eternity will reveal to us who, by his intercessory prayers or by his efforts, was able to unleash a revival in Quebec. Huge surprises will await us when the books are finally open!

THE WEAPONS OF GOD:

God did not leave us without provision, quite the contrary. He has furnished us with all the weapons that we need to conquer the enemy.

Ephesians 6:13 – take unto you the whole armour of God;

Ephesians 6:15 – and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:16 – taking the shield of faith;

Ephesians 6:17 – the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (and all its promises).

Ephesians 6:18 – praying always with all prayer and supplications – with all perseverance.

Romans 13:12 – put on the armour of light.

2 Corinthians 6:7 – by the armour of righteousness.

It suffices not to be well armed, it is however imperative that we know how to use and manipulate these weapons. The Lord will equip us with this ability if we ask Him in **FAITH!**

WORLDLINESS:

It becomes quite evident that if our desire is to be a useful vessel in the Lord's hands, we have to apply to our lives the following scripture found in Romans 13: 13 – Let us walk honestly, as in the day; **NOT** in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. **BUT PUT YE ON** the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts whereof.

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Your comments are most welcome! Should you have good tidings concerning this move of revival in Quebec, or a testimony, please do not hesitate to share it with us at the following address: **sicilia @ videotron.ca**

We will be more than happy to share your comments with everyone who believe that the Lord is about to visit us! **PRAISE GOD!**

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