

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Be Alert

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I hear the Lord saying to be alert, pay attention, watch and pray for discernment. This is not a time to relax and let go. It is also not a time to be afraid or worried or fret about the future.

Be Alert.

- Be means that you are, it means to exist – that you already have a specific quality.
- Alert means:
 - To stay awake.
 - The state of being watchful.
 - Quick to notice something unusual.

Being alert is connected to focus. It is paying attention or being tuned in. Like a mom or dad that can clearly distinguish and hear their child's noises through all other noises. Be alert to how God is moving, what he is speaking. Be alert for breakthrough, for opportunities, for deliverance, for divine connections, for God's supply lines. Be alert to heaven's shifting and what the Lord is saying about it. Be alert to how God is moving in the affairs of men. Being alert means you are ready to respond quickly – you are not encumbered and overwhelmed by so much stuff that you can't respond.

1 Peter 1.13 TPT

¹³ So then, **prepare your hearts and minds for action!** [We would say today, "Roll up your sleeves," or, "Fasten your seat belt!"] **Stay alert and fix your hope** firmly on the marvelous grace that is coming to you. For when Jesus Christ is unveiled, a greater measure of grace will be released to you.

1 Peter 5.7-9 NIV

⁷ **Cast all your anxiety on him** because he cares for you.

⁸ **Be alert and of sober mind.** Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, **standing firm in the faith**, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kinds of sufferings.

Matthew 25.1-5 NIV

¹ At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like **ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.** ² **Five of them were foolish and five were wise.** ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

- Sometimes things don't happen as quickly as we expected – still be alert.
- Don't lose focus.
- Don't stop listening and expecting.
- Be ready.

Nehemiah 4.18 NIV

¹⁸ and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked...

This is what the Lord is speaking to help us understand where we are at. Be encouraged by this prophesy. Be alert – be quick to notice change – see how God is moving – hear what He is speaking!

For you seek to find stability in a world that is being shaken in every dimension and institution. Let me remind you that it is not about your stability. Remember that I am a Rock! I am THE Rock! And I am your anchor. You magnify whatever you look at. You will be in despair if you look at circumstances. You are filled with hope if you look at My promises. This day I tell you, I am the Rock that cannot be shaken and the anchor that cannot be uprooted. Stay in Me.

This is a day that I am taking you higher, and I am revealing Myself to you in a fresh and new way. I am putting new armor upon you says the Lord. I am taking you higher so that you might quench all of the fiery darts of the evil and wicked one. I am your shield and your protector. I am your rock and your deliverer. Receive My supply into yourself now. Christ is in you the hope of glory. Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. I am giving you the victory. I have gone before you and I am your rear guard. Look forward – not behind. See your victory with eyes of faith.

I am the voice of Truth! Even as you search for truth, turn your eyes inward to the Spirit of God that is on the inside of you. I have put My Word within you. My Word is near you and around you. My Word saturates you on the inside. And My Word is the Word of Truth! I will fill your mouth with My Word. My Word will be like a fire in your mouth and as you speak My Word into this atmosphere and the atmospheres around you, into situations and circumstances My Word will consume that which the enemy desires to do. My Word will overtake and bring restoration in this hour. My Word is in you!

Psalm 68.1-5 NIV

**¹ May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.**

**² May you blow them away like smoke—
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.**

**³ But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.**

**⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.**

**⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.**

Prayer and Declaration

We ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name. We worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. The Lord is speaking over Detroit and over Michigan. The voice of the Lord is over our city and our state. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning and shakes what can be shaken. The voice of the Lord is powerful and majestic. The Lord is the strength of His people. The Lord sits enthroned over Detroit and over Michigan.

Be alert Detroit! Prepare your heart and your mind for action for this is the day the Lord has made. His purpose will prevail. To the communities of Detroit and to the state of Michigan, we serve you notice – there is an awakening in progress. And those who wake up will rise up out of the valley of decision and align with God Almighty. **Choose this day whom you will serve – as for Detroit and the state of Michigan they will serve the Lord!**