

The slogan of the United Council of Church Women:---"Ten million Christian women working together, practicing christian principals, can change the world".

We need not question as to whether the world needs to be changed--we know definitely --a change Need be.

At this time of the year when all should be b righ t and right with the world--we might think it untimely to talk on this subject--but when we stop, look, and listen, to what is actually going on univ-ersally, we can b ut admit: 'All is not well with the world' (Pretense)

The world is engrossed in darkness--altho the Light of the world is come--yet men and women refuse to accept this Babe of Bethlehem as the "Light of the world"--the Everlasting Father, the wonderful counselor, the almighty God, the Prince of Peace, the blessed and only Potentate; Our Lord and Saviour: JESUS CHRIST.

The writer of our text--Jeremiah--prophes-ied around 600 years before Christ. He was one of the Major prophets and was considered one of the most cuourageous and loyal of men. He was called to the prophetic office in the days of king Josiah--His efforts spread over forty years preceding the conquest of Jerusalem by Neb uchadnezzar.

Jeremiah's particular mission to Judah was to notify her of her rejection by Jehovah, and of the divine purpose to transfer earthly--dominion from her into the hands of the Gentiles.

Babylon in power--increasing and threatening the smaller nations that stood in her way of her mastery of the Mediterranean.

Ambassadors of the smaller nations are in conclave in Jerusalem, Zedekiah presiding--mediating the means of defense or opposition to the common enemy. God siezed the occasion to send a prophet to them with a revelation of his will in the premises--Judah was to submit--this met with bitter opposition thus Jeremiah faced an angry nation. False prophets suggested entering into a confederacy with Egypt and other nations to overcome Babylon and break her yoke off Judah's neck. Judah failed to refused to hearken to God's prophets but to the false prophets --Result: complete overthrow.

Never again was Judah and Israel able to regain absolute national freedom--limited government, Israel (10 tribes) was holiness unto the Lord-note their downfall:

The Priests said no "where is the Lord? They that handle the law knew me not, said the Lord Pastors have transgressed against me, Prophets prophesied by Baal and they walked after things that do not profit.

Jeremiah reminded them of their deliverance from Egypt and their sojourn in the wilderness of God's care--into a land of plenty. He pleaded their repentance--God their only Salvation. They have hewn out cisterns that don't hold water oh! backsliding children I am married to you--return to me and I will heal your backsliding. Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your soul. But they said "we will not walk therein", The watchman sounded the trumpet but they said "we will not hearken"

This stubborn rejection grieved Jeremiah so much he cried out "Oh that my head were waters and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people" (read Jer. 9:13-22)

A CALL FOR THE WOMEN! After the Lord had told Jer. to 'run ye to and fro through out the streets of Jerusalem and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgement, that seeketh truth and I will pardon it'. Jer. 5:1. No man, Lord!

Liken unto the days of Jer., we are living in dark days. The sun is shining, but obscurely, to those who have not faith in God.

We are living in a world of confused morals, and lopsided standards of right and wrong.--When I say darkness I do mean darkness as the prophet Isa. (60:2) puts it "gross darkness.

Numerous dark clouds are covering our world today--this day--: clouds of world conflict, economic depression, abounding social evils, lawlessness, and greed. All these are so prevalent even our youth are aware of it, they see it, feel it and in some parts of the world--they suffer untold misery as a result of such evils.

Relations between the east and west continue to deteriorate.

Such existing conditions have brought about a state of unrest and uncertainty--thus being uncertain as to what the future holds a tormenting fear have gripped a strangling grip on the nations.

Every body is afraid of every body else. Men's hearts are failing them (have you ever heard of so much heart trouble in all you days)--all because of fearfulness which causes extreme worry.

The United Nations (so-called and conference on peace, our legislative bodies, and various groups are wondering and counseling as to what best can be done to remedy or at least alleviate the pressing conditions. National United Church groups have passed resolutions; In our government: legislations have been drawn up and peace treaties have been signed but yet we have not that "Peace on earth, good will toward all men" that the angels sang about on that great morning when Jesus Christ was born.

There is only one way out of this chaos, and Jesus said "I am the Way"--"I am come that ye might have peace and life more abundantly"

Oh that Men and Women everywhere would but open their hearts and let the King of glory come in and establish his kingdom of peace and righteousness within, and when a change has been wrought on the inside, in the heart, then surrounding conditions will automatically change because Jesus said thro Mark:7:18-23, that it is not that which go in, but that which comes out that defiles, and in Matt. 23:26 (in his denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees) he told them to "cleanse first that which is within," in other words we definitely cannot talk upon peace and have war in our hearts,--we cannot have joy in our hearts if bitterness exist, we cannot show forth love if hate rules within. Church it is praying time!

Women we too need to pray for God to bring us out--victorious.

Since the very beginning of creation, when woman first appeared on the scene, she has been man's excuse for failure (thanks to his weakness man staggered and fell in the garden or I should say fell out of the garden all because as he (Adam) put it "the woman thou gavest to be with me she gave it to me and I ate it" (the poor weakling offered no resistance at all--he just ate it) yet he knew better---etc.

All through bible history, and world history too, Woman has been playing and is still playing even today, important roles in the making of

history, sometimes it's a major and sometimes it's a minor role but

nevertheless she is in the act or the play.

She is forever in the limelight because when the sentence was passed on Adam and Eve in the garden-our merciful God tempered Justice with Mercy by promising that HER Seed would bruise the serpent's head (referring to the Saviour)

Women since we are blamed for man's downfall, we should be proud of the fact that God did not leave us out of the plan when it came to his redemption from the fall---salvation came through a woman-the virgin Mary, so we certainly do have a part and a place in the church of God. From the least to the greatest there is something for you to do.

What shall we do -what can we do to uplift and help to hold up the standards of Jesus Christ?--By practicing christian principles. First we must become a christian before we can practice christian principles---we certainly cannot exercise that we haven't recieved and don't know about.

What are the principles? Jer.9:24 Jeremiah so ably put it :loving kindness (we as women can be so catty sometimes) judgement (so critical-always criticizing somebody and saying mean and wrong things about them

be honest be fair---and righteousness (just do right) Jesus made it plainer still in his marvelous sermon on the mount: Matt.5th.chpt.

Poor in spirit--theirs is the kingdom
They that mourn---shall be comforted
The meek-----Shall inherit the earth
They that hunger and thirst after righteousness--shall be filled.

The merciful ----shall obtain mercy
Pure in heart-----shall see God
Peace-makers----- shall be called the children of God
Suffer persecutions---for his sake shall be blessed
PRAY for your enemies and those that despitefully use you and say all manner of evil against you.

Prayer is sorely needed and we must work out our soul's salvation, trusting God and believing his holy word. Tho' darkness is all around us the universe is not empty "for behind the dim unknown, standeth God keeping watch over his own"--not only so but as Daniel told old King Nebuchadnezzar "God do deal in the affairs of Men" and God can do what-so-ever he wills. We cannot leave God out and expect to have success because he said "all souls are mine -the

page5 earth, and the fullness there-of, and all they that dwell therein. So he can do with the world and us too what-so-ever he wills. We are just jostling Egos--without Christ. We are nothing and can do nothing without him.

Women, we should spend more time in prayer for prayer changes things--James said "the fervent effectual prayers of the righteous availeth much" and when I say pray I dont mean vain repetition of mere words (thinking we will be heard for our much speaking and long prayers) but I mean honest, sincere, desirous, expressions from the heart. Such a prayer God will not turn away but will hear from heaven and have respect unto our cry.

The condition of the heart and mind have much to do with the effects of our prayers, and their condition have much to do with how far our prayers reach.

We have become too modern, too streamlined, in too much of a hurry for God ---- hurrying in the wrong direction, seeking in the wrong places for an answer, and seeking the wrong things as a solution to our problems. Jesus said to seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness and all these things shall be added. and etc.

Let us put First Things First. and pledge from this woman's day, henceforth, to be up and about the King's business, doing what-so-ever our hands find to do with all our might (instead of leaving it up to just a few to carry on the working end) The King's business requires haste because the sun is almost down and the end is drawing nigh--soon we must ALL stand before the judgement seat of Christ and be judged according to our works----

evil works-----eternal damnation

good works-----eternal life

A record is being kept of our stewardship here.

John, the Revelator, declared that he saw the dead small and great stand before God and the books were opened--another book which is the book of life and the dead was judged out of those things which were written in the books--according to their deeds.

Rev. 20:12, 13.

Again I repeat, it is praying time; America is standing on the threshold of another war and unless God intervenes what will the results be?. I fear we are too much at ease in Zion, and Isa. admonished the women to "Rise up, ye women that are at ease" (Isa. 32:9) and Amos declared "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion"

Let us pray for our nation, it's leaders, pray for our church and it's progress in this

time of great testing and when the church of God is being challenged by every wicked foe.

Pray for our fellow-man--our relatives, our friends and especially our enemies who seek to undo us and strive hard to retard our progress toward heaven.

Pray that we enter not into temptation and pray that we be delivered from the evils that do now exist and that is to come upon the world.

Prayer is the key of heaven and faith unlocks its door. So let us pray in faith believing that there is a God who rules earth and heaven, and in him there is relief from every pain and care, for he knows just how much we can bear.

In this day if we had no hope, (a looking forward to ~~and~~ for something better) we would be most miserable.. All about us we see failure from the pulpit to the door, nothing is secure but God's blessed word--nations are failing, friends are failing us -deciet and malice is so sickening--- spiritual wickedness in the high places----- even money is failing us because we cannot get enough of it to make ends meet, at times.

So we need to put our hope and our trust in Someone and Something that will endure. We need a hope that will reach beyond the grave, a faith that will not only bear us over life's fitful sea but a faith that will land us safely in the kingdom when done with this world and God bids us move off the stage of action.

May God bless the praying WOMEN.