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A Woman's Place would like to wish each of you a blessed and happy new year. Ladies, this truly could be the year that Jesus comes! Think about it!

I have been quiet the past few months, and many of you have been asking about the Newsletter. My ministry has been changing directions, and I've been waiting on God in that area. I have also encountered much sickness this year. I covet your prayers for this ministry, and thank every one of you who has written to me, or phoned me, to let me know you have been praying. We cannot make it alone. We need each other.

Miracle Healing!

As some of you know, my husband was scheduled for surgery this past November. Many of you were praying. He was set to have at least half of his lung removed because of tumors. The day before surgery, he went in for his pre-ops, but they sent him home, telling him all his tests were negative! Now is God good, or is God good! We are still rejoicing.,

The New Year

Our teenaged grandson has been spending some time with us and was here to see the New Year in with Brother Doty and me. They wanted to listen to the old-time radio show about a "Shadow." I sat patiently with them and then when the show ended, at 11:45, we got out our Bibles and resumed our nightly Bible devotions. We were studying Revelation 22 when the New Year rolled in. Awesome! If you ever get depressed, just read the last three chapters of Revelation! That truly is the "end of the story." That is how it is going to be for us, and I feel so strongly that the time will be very soon. Now is not the time to let up. Now is not the time to get out of church.

Who can doubt that the world will never be the same as it was before 9-11? It is not possible to go back to before that time. Things will forever be changed. However—have you noticed?—people are gradually settling back into their comfort zones.

Immediately after 9-11, our country took to its knees in prayer. Everyone was quoting II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." I definitely believe in this verse; it is the word of God. But take a moment to look closely at it. It says, first, the people who are called by His Name...what is His Name? Do you know it? Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's Name." Have you taken it upon yourself in the waters of baptism? God is speaking here to the people of His Name.

Second, notice we are to humble ourselves and pray. I believe we have done that. There has been a lot of prayer going on. And that is wonderful. But just "prayer" falls short of what God is calling us to do. Next He says, "...and seek my face." I used to think that "prayer"

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and “seeking His face” meant the same thing. But if so, why did He differentiate? Why does He call upon us to do both?

Seeking God's face is a much deeper level of prayer. It requires more of us, the heart of us. To seek God's face is to spend time alone with Him—enough time that we may see in which direction His face is looking, so that we may follow. What is God's burden? His heartbeat? Where are the eyes of God? That, then, is where ours should also be. Seeking God's face is pure worship! Worship! Because there is absolutely no way we can look into the face of God and remain unchanged. Our call is to worship our God!

If we want our land to be healed, Apostolic, Jesus Name people are called to shoulder the responsibility of praying and seeking His face. Keep our country in prayer. Our leaders. President Bush has shown remarkable and compassionate leadership. He has been God's choice for the hour. Keep our church and its leaders in prayer. All within your sphere of influence. Pray, so that none of those He has given you will be lost. (See John 17:12)

Terrorism

Many of you have asked what I think about the threat of terrorism. Should we hide in a cave? Move to the country? Live in fear? Ignore it?

I believe we must be vigilant at all times. The Bible tells us that. Don't let our guard down, not for a moment. The person behind us in line could be a terrorist. We don't know these things. But we know the One who does! Stick close to Him at all times. And trust Him! By no means are we to live in fear. But by the same token, neither are we to ignore the threats, or pretend they do not exist. “Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart, and lean not to your own understanding.” Don't try to figure it out. Just trust in Him to get us through safely. When we live for God, we don't have to worry about being killed. Our lives are secure until HE says we are ready to check out of here. Jesus was answering Pilate in John 19:11, when He said: “Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above.” Think about that. Meditate on that verse. And then go about your Father's business in peace.

May God bless you richly this year, is my prayer for each of you.

God bless you,
Your friend,
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