

Dear brethren,

I wanted to send an update regarding the burden for Ashley. On Saturday, I had a word for her in Ezra 3:3 "And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening."

This "setting up of the altar" was after they "gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem" Ezra 3:1. I preached it to Ashley as she has gathered herself together, in returning to Jerusalem and to be joined with Cory, that she must now set the altar upon its bases and offer burnt offerings morning and evening, humbling herself to make her prayer and supplication to God, as this was done **by necessity** since the people were afraid of the surrounding nations, "for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries." (I believe that there are many fears in her heart regarding her return to Jerusalem (Wells) - many people that would subvert her do not know yet that she has returned - so it is likely she has many anxious fears and temptations which can subvert this year-long work - so she must, by necessity, make her prayer to God because she can't do this without Him [and us].)

She seemed to be affected, encouraged to continue to go after the Lord. I commended my love to her, telling her how we need her...Cory needs her, I need her, my wife needs her....we have need of her (1 Cor 12:21). She was weeping, and I told her that we are here to help her set up this altar. She replied with tears and conviction...."I am going to need that [our help]."

Sean asked me to share this to encourage you and that you can see her heart, how she is in dire need of help, and cannot do it without us. Everything is working against her, and yet she knows this and desires our help!

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for." - Spurgeon

God help us.

When Jesse says that this is her heart and that she desires our help (this is when the Spirit of God is moving upon her)... it is true, however, when she has hardened her heart she doesn't want our help - but you need not mind that brethren, just go in the strength and confidence of the Lord, and be so filled with love for her and truth, that she is compelled into Spirit-filled conviction by your good-timely-Spirit-filled words as rivers of living water. - from sean

Love you dear brethren,
Jesse