

JUBILEE CHURCH PRAYER COVERING

In 1997, the Lord began to speak to me concerning a prayer covering for our county. I believe that I heard Him say, "Raise up a prayer covering over Ventura County." As I meditated on this charge, I was drawn to Isaiah 4:4-6:

*"When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, then **the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.** And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.*

These verses are full of "prophetic process". The washing, purging, judging, and burning are all precursors to creation ("*then the LORD will create...*"). Particularly awesome to me is the statement, "*For over all the glory there will be a covering.*" (v.4b) where He goes on to speak of a Tabernacle.

From God's introduction, to the nation of Israel continuing, to His dwelling in Jerusalem, there was always the concept of a Tabernacle – The Temple in tent form. The Ark of the Covenant was covered with four layers of coverings. I believe that our prayers establish a tent covering, or place for God to dwell. God has chosen to dwell with us and in the midst of us; our corporate prayer is like a tabernacle.

In June of 2001, the Lord revealed to me a simple plan to harmonize our “Seven Pillars of Grace” with the seven days of the week. By praying for a mere five minutes a day for each one of these things, these pillars of grace would enable the church body to raise a prayer covering.

*“Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out her **seven pillars;**” Proverbs 9:1.*

The themes for these pillars I was given are as follows:

- **Sunday - God**
- **Monday - Authority**
- **Tuesday - Family**
- **Wednesday - Prosperity**
- **Thursday – Miracles**

- **Friday – Community**
- **Saturday – Rest**

What might happen if we were to proclaim blessing in these areas? Quite possibly, a heavenly cadence would begin to sound. Christ would dwell in the midst of this simple agreement, and our Father would hear from heaven and respond to it! (Matthew 18:19)

Who knows? God does! One thing I know is that any prayer covering involves layers, and such coverings become thick and impervious to unlawful entry. Again, I trust what Isaiah prophesied, “***Then the Lord will create...***”