

Prayer, Nations and Governments Conference

Keynote speaker: Rev. Cindy Jacobs

The Prayer, Nations and Governments Conference was held in the Great Hall of New Parliament House on 9 and 10 August 2005, and Old Parliament House on 11 August 2005. The conference included a session where ambassadors and Members of Parliament were invited to attend, a session where Canberra pastors were honoured, a session for children, and one for the youth. In addition to this, Members of Parliament were in attendance throughout the conference.

Those gathered prayed and worshiped together and received a prophetic word of warning and a redemptive word for the nation of Australia. Jacobs taught on various topics including, the key of David, identificational repentance and the releasing of finances.

Words for Australia

A word of warning was given that Australia needs to fast and pray for 40 days or terrorism will come to the nation. We need to pray for protection against terrorism in Australia.¹ A redemptive word for Australia was also given, outlining that God intends for Australia to be a Philadelphia nation based on brotherly love. "I'm going to cause champions, many champions to rise up; red, yellow, brown black and white. There will be such a spirit of love and reconciliation with the aboriginal people and the pacific rim people and the people of the nations that I have brought here from the ends of the earth." The word commends Australia to pray so that God will turn the evil away and release His inheritance in the land. In addition, God is going to bring a wave of His glory to Australia, and send out a wave of harvesters from Australia into the nations of the world.²

Words for Shoalhaven, Canberra, Victoria and the Australian sugar industry were also given.³

Isaiah 22: the key of David

A teaching on the key of David as mentioned in Isaiah 22:22 was given. This is an instrument of intercessory prayer, to shut the door to unrighteousness and open the door to righteousness. It is a form of binding and loosing (Mt. 16:19), to declare one thing unlawful and another thing lawful. This is to legislate in the heavens (see Daniel 7:9 and Mt. 6:10). When the court of heaven was convened in Daniel 7, the Ancient of Days was enthroned; we must enthrone God in intercessory prayer and righteousness to welcome Him into the nation.⁴

Satan will intend to change times and laws. He wants to enact certain laws and bring certain change to a nation. He will try to divert the intercessors, and split prayer movements. You have to be aware, because in the midst of that Satan will come in and change a governmental law in the land. As watchmen on the wall (Isaiah 21), you've got to look and watch and see - especially as governmental intercessors!⁵

¹ Session 1

² Session 3

³ Sessions 2 and 8

⁴ Session 2

⁵ Session 2

Jacobs noted that one of the greatest attacks against Australia's intercessors is depression, disappointment, and despondency, "to try and wear you out so that you feel so exhausted that you can't go on. Is Satan trying to wear you out? Well, let's wear him out! You see he wants to get you out of your place – don't be moved!"⁶

Identificational repentance: The cane toad pestilence

Identificational repentance is when God has a person, particularly a person in authority to repent for the sins of their nation to release the blessing and will of God. Jacobs taught from Daniel 9, where Daniel repented of the sins of his people, even though there was no biblical evidence that he had committed those sins personally.⁷ Further, the Lord's Prayer models this too: 'our father who art in heaven, forgive our sins' (not my father, or my sins).

Just as acted out in Daniel 9, when prophecies come, they are not fulfilled automatically. We need to understand prophetically how to make things happen. It is not enough just to give the word; we need to marry the word with intercession. All prophetic words are conditional (II Chronicles 7:14), and iniquities can separate us from the blessing and promises given in a prophetic word.

When the land itself gets defiled, Ezekiel 22:30 says 'I sought for a man to stand in the gap **on behalf of the land.**' The reference to land literally means the land, the dirt, so does the reference to land in II Chronicles 7:14. Further, the word for healing in II Ch. 7:14 translates to the word for physical healing. Hosea 4:1-3, talks about the land in mourning. If you live on a piece of land that has had sin committed on it, the land will try and expel you. So you need to ask forgiveness so that God can cleanse the land.⁸

In II Samuel 21:1 there was a famine in the year of David for three years. So David inquired of the Lord. David was not related to Saul by blood, but David had to take responsibility for someone who had ruled before him.

To take the Philadelphia redemptive word for example, there may be something we need to pray to see this to come about. Part of the word was the tall poppy syndrome; this needs to be dealt with to release the blessing of God.⁹

Delegates of the conference put these principles into action and repented for sins committed against the Indigenous Australians, and for sins of sexual immorality in Australia.¹⁰ In addition, delegates of the conference were asked to pray and research what government decision may have been made to allow the curse of the cane toad pestilence to come into Australia. Delegates agreed that the cause of the pestilence was related to Australia's treatment of the Kanakas.¹¹ Using the principles of identificational repentance and the key of David (Is. 22:22), representatives of Fiji, Vanuatu, Indigenous Australia, Queensland, the Australian Sugar Industry and a descendent of the blackbirders repented and broke the curse

⁶ Session 2

⁷ Session 3

⁸ Session 7

⁹ Session 3

¹⁰ Session 5

¹¹ Session 2, Note: The kanakas were cane sugar harvesters brought in from the Pacific Islands from the late 1860s until 1904. Many of the kanakas were stolen or tricked into this form of slavery; those who took the kanakas are also referred to as blackbirders.

off the land. They closed the door to the pestilence, and opened the door to a blessing on Australia's sugar industry. (Jacobs also delivered a word for Australia's sugar industry).¹²

Releasing Finances

The key of the house of David is the key to the treasure house, finances as well as government.¹³ We are perishing for a lack of knowledge in the area of wealth. We need to shift wealth to the church to take care of the poor. Deuteronomy 15:7 says 'you shall not harden your hand to a poor man, but willingly lend to him.' The church is mandated to do this; we should not rely on government welfare to do it. In Dt. 8:18 we are given a biblical mandate to get wealth. 'It is He who gives you power to get wealth *that He may establish his covenant.*' Without wealth, we cannot do our part to establish His covenant!

In Ps. 112:1 it says those who fear the Lord – wealth and riches will be in his house (see also Prov. 8:18-21). Another well known promise; 'The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.' Wealth has to be stored up generationly. But where this has not occurred, God can do this supernaturally! We've got to stop thinking mono-generationly.

Isaiah 45 talks about Cyrus. Cyrus' are those who have the ability to do things we cannot do, influential people who understand systems. We need to call in Cyrus' to find property for our ministries. We need to call in Cyrus' that will open our double doors, and cut through our bars of bronze (see Is. 45).¹⁴

Other teachings and prayer sessions

Some other teachings included the need to disciple nations (not just individuals),¹⁵ ending the tall poppy syndrome,¹⁶ including children in the house of God,¹⁷ (there is a great children's revival to come to Australia. Many children will be swept into the kingdom);¹⁸ the need to adopt Victoria in prayer,¹⁹ righteous revolutionaries,²⁰ and justice.²¹

Some significant times of prayer included; praying through issues of sexual immorality in Australia,²² reconciliation with the Aboriginal people,²³ and groups from the different states praying together.²⁴

¹² Session 7

¹³ Session 2

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¹⁵ Session 3 and 6

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²¹ Session 7

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