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Yoke-Destroying Power July 20, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

Isaiah 10.27 says that the anointing breaks the yoke. The picture is of an ox that has its neck and shoulders in a yoke. A yoke around the neck limits movement and is used to control which way you can turn and where you can go. In ancient days a yoke was hand carved and custom fit to the neck of the ox. Farmers would put the yoke on an ox to harness the strength of the ox to plow the fields. As the ox pulled the plow he would become more muscular, his neck muscles would grow fatter and break the yoke.

The anointing of God breaks the yoke. The anointing of God can be defined as the burden-removing, yoke-destroying power of God! The anointing is what delivers God's people and sets the captives free. The anointing is literally God on flesh doing what flesh can't do!

Jesus quoted Isaiah 61 saying the Spirit of the Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. Jesus spoke this scripture after He returned from being tempted by satan in the wilderness. What satan wanted to do was put a yoke of slavery around the neck of Jesus. Then satan could control Jesus – limit His power and direct His future. Satan is a user and abuser; he wants to use us to accomplish his purposes.

1 John 2 clearly says that we have an anointing. God anoints us – His sons and daughters. We are anointed with the burden-removing, yoke-destroying power of God. Acts 10.38 says it this way...

Acts 10.38 NIV

³⁸ how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power**, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

- Anointed with Holy Spirit and power!
- Breaking the yoke of satan.
- The anointing breaks the yoke.

The yoke is made up of the lies, false accusation, intimidation, fear, oppression and manipulation of satan.

Revelation 12.9 NIV

⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—**that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.**

Sunday morning I woke up around 4am to the sound of a siren in the spirit realm. It was so loud that I looked out the window to see if there were any flashing lights. There were no flashing lights. This siren could only be heard with spiritual ears. It was an alarm released in the spirit by God telling us to wake up and BE ALERT.

1 Peter 5.8-9a NIV

⁸ **BE ALERT and of sober mind.** Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith...

In my heart I sensed that the devil is prowling around right now – here in our region – looking to devour, looking to harness his yoke of bondage on the neck of our communities to enslave us with lies and deception to control and steal our future from us. The siren was a warning so we would be alert to what is going on. Our God does not want us to be blind-sided. This is a time to watch and pray. It is a time to be like the 5 wise virgins who had oil for their lamps – this is a time to be prepared, to make sure you have what you need. Simplify. Be ready. We are at war. Evil and wickedness are moving with aggression. We who are aligned with God as our Father move in aggressive faith. We do not trust in horses and chariots but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

The King of Glory is here. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord mighty in battle. The praises of our God are in our mouths and a double-edged sword in our hands, to inflict vengeance upon the enemy and to carry out the sentence written against him. This is the glory of the all His saints!! Fear will not grip our hearts because our Father has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind. The kingdom of God suffers violence but the violent take it by force. We have victory because God Almighty is the Victor!

PRAYER:

As the ekklesia of God we decree, "Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed. For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart Him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn Him back?"

We ask You Lord to heal our land. We declare that no weapon formed against our nation shall prosper. We release the anointing of God over our region and nation to break off every yoke of bondage from the enemy. We declare that the Lord reigns! And we pray for God's kingdom to come and His will be done. Expose and judge wickedness. **God's yoke-destroying power is at work in our hearts and in our nation.**