

Rewarded Openly

Dennis Wiedrick's Word to Fusion Fellowship, July 10, 2010

I was praying for you folks today and was asking the Lord if He would have a word of wisdom or some counsel or a word of encouragement for you and He put something on my heart that I would just like to share briefly. I heard the phrase, “rewarded openly.” And I heard the Lord saying that He wants to reward, Fusion, as a church, openly. And so I looked up the passages that I was familiar with where it talks about being rewarded openly, and I found three verses—all in Matthew Chapter 6. In verse 4 it says, “Your charitable deeds may be in secret but your Father who sees in secret will, himself, reward you openly.” And then a couple of verses down in Matthew 6 verse 6 it says, “When you pray, go into your room and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place, and your Father who sees in secret, will reward you openly.” And then the third one in Matthew 6:18 talks about fasting and says, “Do not appear to men to be fasting but to your Father who is in the secret place and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

So here we have three separate examples of things that we can do that will cause the Father himself to reward us openly. The first one is charitable deeds, the second one is prayer and the third one is fasting. I felt like God was saying that Fusion has been very faithful as a congregation in doing things in secret. Many things that have been seen, primarily by the Father, who sees in secret. And as he watches your charitable deeds, as he hears your prayers, as he sees you fasting, his plan is to reward you openly. And I believe there is a season coming when Fusion will really be rewarded openly. And it will seem to men that God suddenly lifted you up and put you in a very influential place—but it is not a suddenly because you have been faithful in the secret place.

And then as I was meditating on it, I felt the Lord was sharing his heart with me that Fusion is like his own secret garden. Like in the Song of Solomon where the Beloved comes into his garden and there he smells the fragrance of rare and exotic flowers and plants that are very pleasing to him. And I felt like Fusion has been created and is a secret garden where the Lord comes and he is in your midst and every time you gather together for worship, or for intercession or for strategizing for ministry, or to do your charitable deeds and so on.... Much of what you have done has been in secret and it has all been recorded in heaven and your Heavenly Father has seen and heard and witnesses all this in secret and is planning to reward you openly. And I don't mean just here-a-little, there-a-little. I mean in significant ways for your city, for your region and in terms of your birthright and your mandate.

So I would like to pray into that: Heavenly Father, I thank you for this people. I thank you for this congregation. I thank you for faithfulness over many years. I thank you Lord that they have been diligent and have appeared before the Throne of Grace many, many times in secret. I thank you Lord that your promises do not return to you void and that you have promised, Lord, that those who honour you in secret—those who pray in secret, those who fast in secret—shall be rewarded openly. So I am asking you Lord, that you would honour your word over this people, over this family, over Fusion and that you would begin to reward them openly in remarkable ways that brings glory to your name. Father, I want to give you a good report of this congregation. I want to stand before your throne and I want to testify of their faithfulness, of their love, of their diligence, of their service and of their sacrificial leadership. And I pray Father that you who have recorded and have seen all of this in secret—that you now will begin to reward them openly. And I agree with you here on earth as a spiritual Father, that the blessing of God come upon Fusion, upon the leadership, upon all of the ministries that you have raised up there—upon various departments of the church and outreaches that you have put in place. I am asking, Father that life would flow like a river out of that congregation into Edmonton and beyond. And I am asking, Father, for your reward to come upon them and to overtake them. I am asking for your blessing to rest upon families and homes and businesses that are represented in this congregation. And even dreams and visions and callings and ministries that you have been speaking about—that you have been equipping people and preparing them for. I am asking that they too, Lord, would come to pass and that would be seen openly, as well. And Father, I want to release a blessing on this people and I ask that that blessing would increase and I ask that you who have seen their faithfulness would not be unrighteous in forgetting their labour of love, but that, Father, you would crown them with honour and blessing and prosperity because of their faithfulness. Lord, I recommit and offer these people back to you as faithful servants and handmaidens—as beloved sons and daughters. And I am asking you, Father, that you would open the windows of heaven and literally pour out a blessing upon them that would be so awesome, so amazing, that they would hardly have room to contain it. And I pray that the leaders would be heard to say, “We knew that things would be good. We knew that God would bless us. But we never knew that it would be this good.” I pray, Lord, that those words would be spoken in the days and years to come. And I ask this in Jesus' name and I ask it for His glory, Amen.